

# Psalms 27

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I want to be strong and bold

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God's "light" illuminates us, not only to make us aware of our darkness, but also to dispel the darkness in our hearts and to "deliver" us from it. If a person does not know his own darkness, he will not feel the need for light and will not receive salvation from God. God will deliver us when we recognize our darkness.

When we encounter difficulties and attacks, we want God to come to the rescue right away and turn things around, David has not experienced God's salvation when he writes this psalm, but we don't read the slightest complaint, discouragement and disappointment in this psalm. Rather, we read David's confident prayer and encouragement to himself. There was a reason why David was so strong and bold, because he knew his God. He uses God as his light. "The Lord is my light," that is, he takes God as his light and walks in his light, so that he walks and stands right. If he had done nothing wrong, he would certainly have nothing to fear. He took God as salvation. "The Lord is my salvation," and he assumed that God would save him. On the road of life, although people walk in the light of God by themselves, the world is dark, the devil is harming people, people will also harm people, and life is full of crises. Even in danger, David knew God would deliver him. He is God's safeguard. "The Lord is the security of my life," because God is the protector, so even if the wicked are surrounded by them, their lives can still be protected and secured, because God protects them, and the wicked will be powerless.

David prayed to God to hear and have mercy, but God said, "Seek my face." Sometimes we pray, but we don't really commit things to God, in fact, as long as our hearts are turned to God, God listens to our prayers, and in fact, if we can come to God and give our hearts to God, we can really relax.

God has not promised us that we will not suffer afflictions, but He has promised that in the midst of tribulation, "he will keep me secretly." We are in the Lord and He is in us, and this is our safest security. An intimate conversation between David and his God. God said to him, "Seek my face." David replied from the depths of his heart, "I am seeking your face." This intimate relationship is similar to the friendship between Moses and God. Fellowship with God is precious, and the heart unconsciously confides in God in times of need. The reason why we are able not to lose heart in the face of adversity (v.13) is not because we are strong, but because we see God's grace in faith. Human self-confidence is unreliable, so God does not let us follow Him by physical efforts, but follows us with His grace and love throughout our lives, so that we can continue to experience God's grace and faithfulness throughout our lives, and our faith will continue to grow.

Let's pray together:

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank You for your salvation on the cross, for your free grace and eternal promises. Pray that the Lord will help us learn to wait on the Lord, especially in times of hardship and low points in life. We may be impatient and impatient to do something in the flesh, but pray that the Holy Spirit will remind us to wait, to wait on the Lord! Because God has promised us that we will help us out of trouble, out of attack, out of trough, no matter what circumstances. Thy grace is sufficient for us, Lord. Your ability is to appear more complete in human weakness.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.!

### **A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.**

#### ***A Psalm of David.***

**27 The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the refuge *and* fortress of my life—  
Whom shall I dread?**

**2**

**When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh,  
My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.**

**3**

**Though an army encamp against me,  
My heart will not fear;  
Though war arise against me,  
Even in this I am confident.**

**4**

**One thing I have asked of the Lord, and that I will seek:  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His presence] all the days of my life,  
To gaze upon the beauty [the delightful loveliness and majestic grandeur] of the Lord  
And to meditate in His temple.**

**5**

**For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter;  
In the secret place of His tent He will hide me;**

He will lift me up on a rock.

6

And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me,  
In His tent I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

7

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
Be gracious *and* compassionate to me and answer me.

8

*When You said*, “Seek My face [in prayer, require My presence as your greatest need],” my heart  
said to You,

“Your face, O Lord, I will seek [on the authority of Your word].”

9

Do not hide Your face from me,  
Do not turn Your servant away in anger;  
You have been my help;  
Do not abandon me nor <sup>[a]</sup>leave me,  
O God of my salvation!

10

Although my father and my mother have abandoned me,  
Yet the Lord will take me up [adopt me as His child].

11

Teach me Your way, O Lord,  
And lead me on a level path  
Because of my enemies [who lie in wait].

12

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
For false witnesses have come against me;  
They breathe out violence.

13

*I would have despaired* had I not believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord  
In the land of the living.

14

Wait for *and* confidently expect the Lord;  
Be strong and let your heart take courage;  
Yes, wait for *and* confidently expect the Lord.

Psalm 27 is a powerful expression of trust in God during times of trouble and adversity. Authored by King David, this psalm is a personal declaration of faith, portraying God as the source of light, salvation, and protection. It reflects a deep desire for intimacy with God and confidence in His faithfulness. Let's go through a full description of the psalm, highlight some important verses, and examine its spiritual influence.

Full Description of Psalm 27

**Psalm 27 is divided into two main parts: confidence in God's protection (verses 1-6) and a prayer for help and guidance (verses 7-14). The psalm showcases David's profound trust in God in the midst of personal crisis, likely during a time of military conflict or political unrest.**

### **Part 1: Confidence in God's Protection (Verses 1-6)**

**Verse 1:**

**"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"**

**David begins by declaring that God is his light (guidance) and salvation (deliverance). God's presence dispels darkness and fear, providing both spiritual and physical protection. The rhetorical questions emphasize that with God as his refuge, there is no reason to fear anyone.**

**Verses 2-3:**

**"When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident."**

**David is not naive about the threats around him. He acknowledges the danger of enemies, but his confidence in God's protection makes him unshaken. The psalmist's faith in God's sovereignty and power over his circumstances gives him courage and peace.**

**Verses 4-6:**

**"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord."**

**The psalmist expresses a longing to dwell in God's presence forever. His request is not for escape from trouble but for the privilege of being in God's presence and worshiping Him. Seeking God is portrayed as the ultimate desire and security, especially in difficult times. The metaphor of God as a shelter underscores God's protection and exaltation over his enemies.**

### **Part 2: Prayer for Help and Guidance (Verses 7-14)**

**Verses 7-9:**

**"Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!' Your face, Lord, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior."**

**David calls out to God for mercy and guidance. His plea is deeply personal: he desires God's presence and face, which signifies divine favor and intimacy. David pleads with God not to abandon him, relying on God's past faithfulness.**

**Verse 10:**

**"Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me."**

**This verse highlights David's trust in God's steadfast love, even when human relationships fail. It is a powerful reminder that God's love is unfailing and that He receives and cares for His children when others may abandon them.**

**Verses 11-12:**

**"Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations."**

**David asks for divine guidance in the face of false accusations and oppression. He relies on God's wisdom to navigate difficult situations and asks for protection from those who seek to harm him.**

**Verse 13:**

**"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."**

**Despite all the challenges, David expresses confident hope in seeing God's goodness in this life. This declaration reveals faith in God's deliverance and promises that even in the midst of adversity, God's goodness will prevail.**

**Verse 14:**

**"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."**

**The psalm concludes with an encouragement to wait for God, which involves patience and courage. This waiting is not passive but an active choice to trust in God's timing and wisdom.**

**Important Verses in Psalm 27**

**Verse 1: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"**

**This is the foundational statement of faith in the psalm, expressing trust in God as the ultimate source of light and salvation.**

**Verse 4: "One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life..."**

**This reveals David's desire for intimate fellowship with God, which is more precious to him than anything else, even safety or victory.**

**Verse 10: "Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me."**

**A reminder that, even in the abandonment by loved ones, God remains faithful and will never forsake His people.**

**Verse 13: "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."**

**A declaration of hope and faith in the goodness of God despite present challenges. It affirms God's faithfulness to deliver.**

**Verse 14: "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."**

**This verse encourages patience and courage, trusting that God will act at the right time.**

### **Spiritual Influence and Applications**

#### **God as Light and Salvation:**

**Psalm 27 presents God as the source of light, salvation, and strength. Spiritually, this means that in times of darkness (whether emotional, spiritual, or physical), believers are reminded to turn to God for guidance and deliverance.**

#### **Seeking God's Presence Above All:**

**David's desire to dwell in God's presence reveals that the ultimate longing of the believer should not be for physical safety or material blessings but for intimacy with God. In our modern spiritual lives, this means prioritizing prayer, worship, and seeking God's will above all else.**

#### **Confidence Amid Fear:**

**The psalm encourages believers to trust in God's sovereignty and goodness even in the face of danger or adversity. Faith in God's protection gives courage to face any opposition or threat.**

#### **God's Faithfulness in Times of Rejection:**

**Verse 10 offers comfort to those who feel abandoned or rejected by others. God's love is unshakeable, and He receives us when others might forsake us. This is a reminder of God's steadfast loyalty.**

### **Hope in God's Goodness:**

**Despite immediate circumstances, David's faith in seeing the goodness of God reminds believers to maintain hope even when facing trials. God's promises of deliverance and restoration are trustworthy, and we can look forward to His faithful intervention.**

### **Waiting on the Lord:**

**The psalm's conclusion encourages the believer to wait for God's timing with strength and courage. Waiting on the Lord involves trusting His plan and His timing, which often contrasts with our desire for immediate answers.**

### **Conclusion**

**Psalm 27 is a profound expression of faith in the face of fear, persecution, and uncertainty. It teaches us to trust in God's protection, long for His presence, and wait for His deliverance. David's words continue to inspire believers today to rely on God as our light, salvation, and stronghold, to seek His face above all else, and to remain steadfast in hope, no matter the circumstances.**