

Psalm 27

We see in Ps. 27 David expressing jubilant confidence in the Lord in spite of a host of enemies who threaten his life. But suddenly his mood changes. David anxiously prays that the Lord would not forsake him but would help and comfort him in his time of need. Because the Lord was David's source of comfort and hope, he strengthened himself to wait for the Lord. This Psalm is one of courageous trust by David. Let us turn to Ps. 27:1-3 and look at confidence that dispels fear.

Ps. 27:1-3(KJVer) – 1) *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

2) *When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.*

3) *Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.*

V. 1 shows David expressing great confidence in **the LORD** – the self-Existent and Eternal; Jeho-vah: because **the LORD** is his **Light**, which in Hebrew is **ore--** an illumination or luminary, including day, light, lightning, morning, and the sun. Light signifies understanding, joy, and life. When we walk in the light of His Word, we will have the confidence that He will lead us through the darkness of this world.

David goes on to say that the LORD is his **Salvation - yeh'-shah** - liberty, deliverance, prosperity, safety, salvation, saving from God

wrath. When we walk in the Salvation of our LORD, it is complete and supplies all of our needs. Nothing lacking, nothing wanting.

And his **Strength**. This Hebrew word for Strength is **mâ'ôz**, which means "a strong fortified place", and nobody can harm David or use while we are in this place of strength. We see this referred by David in - **Psalm 37:39 (KJVer)** *But the **salvation** of the righteous is of the LORD: He is their **strength** in the time of trouble. And also in **Psalm 43:2a (KJVer)** *For thou art the God of my **strength**. The LORD is our **stronghold** and **defense**. Ps.18:2 says *The LORD is my rock, and my **fortress**, and my deliverer; my God, my **strength**, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my **salvation**, and my **high tower**.***

With these provisions from the Lord, **whom shall a believer fear?** The obvious answer is no one. It is not in our own strength and power that we become more than conquerors but only by the LORD.

Vs. 2-3 are in response to this question, David spoke of the **enemies** who came **against** him. Even if they broke in on him, he would remain **confident** in the Lord, just as we can rest in that truth, without **fear** as we saw in v. 1.

As a child of God, I need not to be afraid, I need not fear, because the Lord is my light, He's my salvation, He is my strength. I will not fear what man might do to me. Because the Lord is watching over me; He keeps me. And *He that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep*, and the Lord has promised to keep us as well. The Lord, who is the believer's light, is the strength of his life; not only by whom, but in whom he lives and moves.

Psalm 27:4-6 (KJVer) 4) *One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.*

5) *For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.*

6) *And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.*

We see here in these next 3 verses, communion that brings security as David further expressed his confidence in **the LORD** by his longing to dwell in His **house**. He would love to abide there **all his life**, to enjoy His **beauty** and **to seek Him** there in the **temple**. David is not referring to the temple of Solomon, since it had not yet been built but to the dwelling place of God, a magnificent structure, not made by human hands.

David's heart was that of a worshiper. Thus, he longed to seek God's face as that of the Levitical order did, even though he was not of that tribe. His longing to be in God's presence is seen so beautifully in these verses.

Today, God still has a personal dwelling place here on the earth, in our bodies, as Believers, temples of God and His Spirit. We see this in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (**KJVer**) *What? know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which*

you have of God, and you are not your own? 20) For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

To dwell in the presence of the Lord would add to David's security. The Lord would keep him safe **in the day of trouble** and establish him securely in times of danger. Consequently, he would triumph, David's **head would be exalted**, over his enemies and joyfully **sing praises to the LORD**. Perhaps the idea of safety in the sanctuary, where his enemies could not reach him, caused David here to meditate on the Lord's protection. The word for **shelter** is also translated as "hiding place" as seen in **Psalm 32:7 (KJVer)** *You are my **hiding place**; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall compass me about with songs of deliverance.* And in **Psalm 91:1 (KJVer)** *He that dwells in the **secret place** of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.* God is our "refuge" and our protection. David certainly knew the true Source of his security and we as believers can as well. There is no place for fear as long as we dwell in His secret place, under the shadow of the Almighty One.

Now let us look at **Psalm 27:7-10 (KJVer) 7)** *Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.*

8) *When You said, Seek you My face; my heart said to you, Your face, LORD, will I seek.*

9) *Hide not Your face far from me; put not Your servant away in anger: You have been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.*

10) When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

Now we see the earnest prayer in faith. Apparently, the Lord was not granting David protection request fast enough, for he prayed earnestly and with some anxiety for help. He asked the Lord **not** to **forsake** him since he was in great need. God has instructed the righteous to pray, to **seek His face**, and that is what David was doing. Therefore, God ought not refuse to help him, to **hide His face**. This is a cry that we see in Ps. 102:2 and 143:7; (**Psalm 102:2 (KJVer)**) *Hide not Your face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline Your ear to me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.* **Psalm 143:7 (KJVer)** *Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit fails: hide not Your face from me, lest I be like to them that go down into the pit.*

Moreover, David affirmed that he was the **servant** of the LORD, and that the Lord had **been** his **Helper**. On the basis of this motivation, he begged the Lord **not** to **reject** him. His prayer was strengthened by the knowledge that the Lord would not **forsake** him, even if his parents did.

As Believers, we can come to the Lord in faith believing and know that our prayers will be heard. As we walk in faith, we can be confident that God will not hide His face from us, forsaking us and leaving us to care for ourselves, even if our family and friends do. **Deuteronomy 31:8 (KJVer)** says, *And the LORD, He it is that does go before you; He will be with you, He will not fail you, neither forsake you: fear not, neither be dismayed.* Then we are reminded

again in the book of Hebrews the 13th chapter the fifth verse: *for He-Jesus- has said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Next, we have **Psalm 27:11-12 (KJVer) 11)** *Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of my enemies.*

12) *Deliver me not over to the will of my enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.*

Here David asked God to **teach** him the **way** to go **because** his enemies were lying in wait for him. David asked **not** to be turned **over to** his **foes**, who were **false witnesses** sworn to destroy him. **Psalm 25:4-5 (KJVer)** say, *Show me Your ways, O LORD; **teach me Your paths.** 5) Lead me in Your truth, and **teach me:** for You are the God of my **salvation**; on You do I wait all the day.*

David was making it clear that the deliverance he asked for was for the purpose of continuing to seek God. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in the paths that we should go. To teach us His ways, to learn of Him.

And finally, **Psalm 27:13-14 (KJVer) 13)** I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14) Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

In the end, however, the psalmist's confidence surfaced again; David rejoiced in the prospect of waiting **for the LORD**. David was **confident** that he would survive and remain alive – **in the LORD**. David was **confident** that he would survive and remain alive – **in**

the land of the living – to **see** God’s blessing. Therefore, David strengthened himself to **wait for the** Lord’s deliverance.

And we like David can have this same confidence that when we wait upon the Lord, He will always come through for us. Our blessings will be new everyday as we wait for the Lord. And our eternal life is guaranteed through the precious blood of the Lamb.