

Reedy Fork Baptist Church

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Bible Study

Theme: :”My Light & My Salvation”

Scripture in Response: :Psalms 27:1-14(v.1)

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?

² When the wicked advance against me to devour^[a] me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

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, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

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

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

I. Key Words:

- My
- Light
- Salvation
- Fear
- Stronghold
- Afraid

II. People, Places, and Times

- David
- Enemies

III. Background

Psalm 27 is a deeply personal and theological song of confidence and lament traditionally attributed to King David. It captures the emotional tension of navigating seasons of severe danger and betrayal—such as fleeing from King Saul or Absalom—while maintaining an unwavering trust in God's protection, beauty, and presence.

IV. In Depth:

1. Lesson Emphasis 1: Lesson Emphasis:1 Confidence in the Midst of Danger (vv. 1–6).

- A.** The simple declaration in verse 1 is the most profound truth in the Bible.
1. Light means more than intellectual insight; it is spiritual perception.
 2. Salvation means deliverance from every form of evil, a daily deliverance from satanic harassment.

- B. In verses 2–3 David reflects on past experiences to support his statement in verse 1. What examples of sincere faith shaped your life?
 1. He has found it true repeatedly that his enemies were the ones who experienced ultimate defeat, not he.
 2. “To eat up my flesh” is an Aramaic expression meaning “to slander.
 3. No matter how great the onslaught against him (a “host”),
 - a. David would remain confident in God’s care.

 - C. Verse 4 reveals the roots of David’s bold faith.
 1. His one consuming desire was to bask and lie continually in God’s presence.

 - D. David is confident of the security we have when we place our trust in God (vv. 5–6) and seek out God’s close presence and fellowship.

 - E. The outcome of such close fellowship is that our enemies will be brought low, yet we will stand with heads uplifted and offer sacrifices to God out of appreciation and gratitude.
2. **Lesson Emphasis 2: .Lesson Emphasis:2 An anxious plea for help (vv. 7–12).**
- A. In verses 7–8 we find the “mood change” in the psalm
 1. Suddenly the full confidence found in the first six verses is shaken.
 2. David seems to have temporarily lost his assurance of being heard and helped.
 3. But his faith is not gone; he knows that God can be called upon.
 4. We are reminded in verse 8 of the man who said to Jesus, “Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief” (Mark 9:24).

 - B. David’s faith grows timid and fearful; doubts begin to arise in his mind and soul.
 1. Will God hear him when he prays?
 2. He pleads that God will not look away from him.
 3. Perhaps David’s scarlet sin with Bathsheba had returned to haunt him.
 4. Satan is a master at dangling our past sins before our faces sins that have already been confessed to God and forgiven by him.

 - C. Because of the frustrations his enemies have caused within his own mind and soul, David feels that he cannot trust his own wisdom for

guidance nor insure himself against the shrewdness and subtlety of his enemies.

1. The "plain path" he seeks and longs for can be provided only by God.
2. He must be shown clearly God's way, the pathway of righteousness.
3. Then he will go forward with confidence.

3. Lesson Emphasis 3: Lesson Emphasis:3 The Reassurance of Faith (vv. 13–14).

- A.** The last two verses contain a kind of reminiscence of the first part of the psalm.

David said, "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord" (v. 13).

What are some causes of fainting?

1. A bad atmosphere.
We often take on the spiritual coloring of those about us.
2. The sight of blood.
Many Christians are not "in the fight" today because they are afraid of a little blood-letting.
3. Weakness.
A lack of food (not consistently nourished by the Word) can cause it.
4. Chastisement
"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him" (Heb. 12:5).

- B.** "Wait on the Lord" reminds us of the way in which God addressed Joshua (Josh. 1:6).

1. God does not always answer his people instantly.
2. Sometimes the "waiting" is a spiritual therapy needed to strengthen our faith.

These last two verses constitute the conclusion of the psalm.

