

**Psalm 27****I. Slide1 Announce:**

- A. It was said of 1 of David's mighty men, **Benaiah**, he *had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day*. (2 Sam.23:20) **You braved the rain!**
- B. Starting the Gospel of Luke Sunday :)

**II. Intro:**

- A. **Prayer & Reflection on Scripture - What Scripture?** Ps.27. What is *reflection*?  
In Ps.27:4 we'll hear of David *meditating in God's temple*.
- Slide2** The Hebrew means, *to look, to perceive with attention; direct one's gaze towards*. Our English definition means, *to contemplate, think deeply or focus one's mind for a period of time, in silence*.
  - I will put each of 4 sections of Ps.27 up on screen. (set all distractions aside)

**III. Slide3 CONFIDENCE (1-3) David's confidence in God**

- A. **Read 1** The Lord is my light and my salvation - so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?  
2 When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. 3 Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.
- B. **Prayer:** The Lord is **my light** - Why should I be afraid? - *Are you afraid of:* darkness, trouble, the power of darkness, someone, something. (fear can debilitate)  
Tell the Lord what you are **afraid of**, in your life, right now.
- Reflection:** The Lord is my **light**. [think *Light* over **darkness**]
- C. **Prayer:** The Lord is **my salvation** - so why should I be afraid? - *Are you sure of your salvation?* ... if so thank Him for it, **if not** ask Him for it.
- Reflection:** The Lord is my **salvation**. (deliverer, rescuer, liberator, emancipator)

- D. **Prayer:** The Lord is my **fortress**, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble? - **What** is a deficiency in your life? **What** weakness do you struggle with the most in your flesh?
1. **Reflection:** The Lord is my fortress/refuge/shelter/protection/safe keeping/strength.
- E. If you have God's **light**, His **salvation**, and His **strength**, then whom shall you fear? No one!
1. **Reflection:** God doesn't just *give you light, salvation & strength*, He **IS** ...
- F. **Prayer:** **2** When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. **3** Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.
1. Whether your enemy comes **as** a *sudden invasion* (by surprise) (2), **or** a *settled battle* (3).
    - a) *Maybe:* your enemy is camped on your doorstep at home, **or** at your office, **or** even here at church. Say like David, *I will remain confident. Confident in what?* the Lord's *Light, Salvation, & Strength*.

#### IV. Slide4 **COMMUNION (4-6)** *David communing with God*

- A. **Read 4** The one thing I ask of the Lord - the thing I seek most - is **to live** in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, **delighting** in the Lord's perfections and **meditating** in his Temple.
- 5** For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock.
- 6** **Then** I will hold my head high above my enemies who surround me. At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of **joy**, **singing** and **praising the Lord with music**.
- B. **Prayer:** The one thing I ask of the Lord - the thing I seek most - is ... what? - what's your single focus? what is your consuming desire? *Right now make it Him!*
- C. **Prayer:** to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life - Talk w/Him about what it looks like to *live w/in the veil in perfect fellowship w/the Lord* (here on earth).

1. **Reflection:** What is it to live **constantly, habitually, basking in His presence**. Having a sleepover at Gods house night after night, **until** you just move in.
2. **Reflection:** **delighting in the Lord's perfections** (gaze upon the beauty of the Lord).
3. **Reflection:** **meditating/inquire in His Temple**. To commune with the Lord about the concerns of **home**, of **business**, of **church**, & of **daily life**.
4. **Reflection:** **He will conceal me there when troubles come; He will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach, on a high rock.**

D. **Communion:** invite *Romulo* up. [during this song: get & partake in communion]

## V. Slide5 **CRY (7-13)** *David crying to God*

A. **Read 7** Hear me as I pray/cry, O Lord. Be merciful and answer me!

**8** My heart has heard You say, "*Come and talk with me.*" And my heart responds, "*Lord, I am coming.*"

**9** **Do not** turn your back on me. **Do not** reject your servant in anger. You have always been my helper. **Don't** leave me now; **don't** abandon me, O God of my salvation! **10** Even if my father and mother **abandon** me, the Lord will hold me close.

**11** Teach me how to live, O Lord. Lead me along the right path, for my enemies are waiting for me. **12** Do not let me fall into their hands. For they accuse me of things I've never done; with every breath they threaten me with violence. **13** Yet I am **confident** I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living.

B. **Prayer:** **7** Hear me as I pray/cry, O Lord. Be merciful and answer me! **8** My heart has heard You say, "*Come and talk with me.*" And my heart responds, "*Lord, I am coming.*"

1. **Reflection:** Talk w/Him, about talking w/Him. (**maybe**, are you frustrated w/ prayer, maybe it's exciting).

C. **Prayer:** 9 **Do not turn your back on me. Do not reject your servant in anger.** You have always been my helper. **Don't leave me now; don't abandon me,** O God of my salvation! 10 **Even if my father and mother **abandon** me,** the Lord will hold me close.

1. **Reflection:** on mood change in prayer, from confidence in prayer (7,8) to anxiety (9,10a) ... *and it seems to be normal.*

D. **Prayer:** 11 Teach me how to live, O Lord. Lead me along the **right path**, for my enemies are waiting for me. 12 Do not let me fall into their hands. For they accuse me of things I've never done; with every breath they threaten me with violence. 13 Yet I am **confident** I will see ***the Lord's goodness*** while I am here in the land of **the living**. Not nec on a smooth path, or an easy path, **but** the **right** one is what matters (it could be perfectly smooth **but** straight uphill).

1. **Reflection:** *"The Good Shepherd goes ahead of His sheep, smoothing out our tomorrows, but it is our duty to follow in His way!"*
2. **Reflection:** The Story is told of an **old woman** who sold her wares from door to door. Whenever she came to a **crossroad** & sought which direction to go, she'd throw a stick into the air to see which way it pointed. One day she was observed tossing the stick several times. On being questioned, she said, *"the road to the right seemed so very dreary, so I tossed the stick till it pointed left which seemed to be a much nicer way!"*
  - a) How often do we go to God for **guidance** in the *same fashion*?
3. **Reflection:** Yet I am **confident** I will see ***the Lord's goodness*** while I am here in the land of the living. (God reserves *His best medicine* for our times of **deepest despair**)

## VI. Slide6 **COURAGE** (14) *David waiting on God*

A. **Read 14 Wait patiently** for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, **wait patiently** for the Lord.

1. *If you run ahead of Him, or lag behind, you will be a perfect target for the enemy.* (Wiersbe)

B. Prayer: What *area* do you need *His help on* to be brave or courageous?

Pray for the posture of *waiting* (it's called *holding on* in *naked faith*). [be patient, it takes a lifetime to learn this]

1. Reflection: do you *give God time to act* in your situations?
2. Reflection: *The stops of a good man are ordered by the Lord, as well as his steps!*
3. Reflection: **Waiting** for God means: **1st**, activity **under command**.  
**2nd**, readiness for any **new command** that may come.  
**3rd**, not **get sidetracked until** His command is given.

C. Lord help us to be Be brave and courageous as we wait on you.