



Empowering People to Change the World

Psalm 27
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Psalm 27: My Father's House, My Father's Son

Chapter 27 brings more declarations from David of victory, protection, and seeking the presence and face of God. We see his consistent themes repeated here again, and they echo the posture and longings of his heart for his Father.

A Psalm of David

*"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?"*

- **Fear comes from conditioning.**
- **Fear comes from our concealing.**
- **Fear comes from our controlling.**

*"When evil people come to devour me,
when my enemies and foes attack me,
they will stumble and fall.
Though a mighty army surrounds me,
my heart will not be afraid.
Even if I am attacked,
I will remain confident.
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."*

- **The thing David seeks most is God's presence; he wants to see His face.**
- **David is not seeking his own palace or thrown room.**
- **David is not seeking more military victories.**
- **No, what he desires most is to be in his Father's house.**

*"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.*

*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.”*

- **The ANTIDOTE to fear is FAITH, and the SOUNDTRACK of faith is WORSHIP. David knows at the very core of his heart this to be true and models it better than anyone.**

*“Hear me as I pray, O LORD.
Be merciful and answer me!
My heart has heard you say, ‘Come and talk with me.’
And my heart responds, ‘LORD, I am coming.’”*

- **John10:27 – Jesus says that His sheep know His voice, and they follow Him.**
- **David is responding to his Shepherd; he knows his Father’s voice, the Great Shepherd that leads him through the valley of death and beside still, restoring waters!**

*“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! Even if my father and mother abandon me,
the LORD will hold me close.
Teach me how to live, O LORD.
Lead me along the right path,
for my enemies are waiting for me.”*

- **We are designed by God to seek His leading and teaching if we are to see the other side of the “valley.”**
- **Ask Him to lead in ALL things, everyday (habit not a hobby).**

*“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.
Yet I am confident I will see the LORD’s goodness
while I am here in the land of the living.*

*Wait patiently for the LORD.
Be brave and courageous.
Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.”*

- **We see David reciting God’s words to Joshua on the eve of battle. David is in the middle of a battle, and he is setting his mind on this truth. God will come through. He always does.**
- **It takes bravery and courage to wait for God in your battles.**
- **No one demonstrates this better than Jesus, His Son. Jesus is 30 before a dove descends on Him. He waits 40 days in the desert before He is delivered. He would wait three days in the grave for ultimate healing and restoration, His resurrection by His Father, once and forever.**
- **We will also share in this glory of a final resurrection and restoration!**
- **Psalm 31:24, “*So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the LORD!*”**

Benediction: Psalm 119:114, “*O Lord, You are my refuge and my shield. Your Word gives me hope.*”