

Psalm 27 New American slandered version

A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?
² When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,
My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.
³ Though a host encamp against me, My heart will not fear;
Though war arise against me, In *spite of* this I shall be confident.
⁴ One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek:
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 meditate in His temple. ⁵ For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in
His tabernacle;
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,
And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.
⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice,
And be gracious to me and answer me.
⁸ *When You said*, "Seek My face," my heart said to You,
"Your face, O Lord, I shall seek."
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 forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
But the Lord will take me up.
¹¹ Teach me Your way, O Lord,
And lead me in a level path
Because of my foes.
¹² Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries,
For false witnesses have risen against me,
And such as breathe out violence.
¹³ *I would have despaired* unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living.
¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
Be strong and let your heart take courage;
Yes, wait for the Lord.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

What questions were provoked within you?
Did anything confuse you?
Did anything move you emotionally?
Did God instruct you to do something?
Did you gain any insight into God's character?

Paul's Questions and incites

1. Declarations of truth reposition us to see Gods 'right' that sets us free.

2. David reminds himself that God is his light and salvation so why should he fear?
3. To know the truth indeed is to apply the truth you know. How do you know you are applying the truth?
4. When you are not living in fear and intimidation within your heart and your mind.
5. To know God will defend you so there is no reason to dread.
6. If you live in dread you are not applying the truth you claim to know.
7. It is faith in His word that kept David stronger than his enemy.
8. Remember in past victories is your testimony declaration.
9. It is not what we say that tells the story, it is what we do.
10. David asked more than one thing from God, but in this he is focussing on the most important thing to him.
11. To seek God and to live in His presence throughout David's life.
12. David loved God and put God at the centre, He was more important to David than anything he had. Can you say the same?
13. What is it to know the beauty of the Lord?
14. Meditation is to give your mind and body to the presence of our holy God, to focus on truth that you know, or have read, and to reflect on that truth without prejudice, to have an open heart to receive what He says.
15. Wong meditation is when you empty yourself, pull down your defences and invite anything from the spiritual realm to come and do their worst in your head and your heart.
16. For God to shelter us is to be protected from your enemy when he comes looking for you and to know that before he gets to you he has to get through God.
17. All the enemies of David are enemies of God.
18. The confession of shouts of joy is something Christians rarely do, it is a lost practice that should be claimed back from our enemies camp.
19. Shouts of joy is to overflow appreciation and gratitude.
20. Singing is the opening to your spirits expression, it is your spirit taking back control of who you are.
21. Have you asked for grace from the Lord?
22. To cry out is to release 'who you are'.
23. What do you do to seek Gods face?
24. Sin builds a wall between us and God - the wall is guilt and shame.
25. Can God look on sin?
26. If God can't look on sin how does He live in you?
27. Has God been your help?
28. Has God ever abandoned you?
29. What does it mean to be abandoned?
30. For God to teach you His ways is to teach you to stand on level ground. You will have to be willing to unlearn things you have trusted in, anything that doesn't reflect who He is and what He has said.
31. Trust in Him before you trust in yourself. Are you willing to do that?
32. God only lets go of us when we prefer wickedness to His ways.
33. The only people going to hell are the wicked.
34. How influenced are you by your enemies opinion of you?
35. To wait for the Lord to come is hard unless you know He has promised to come.
36. To take courage is to position yourself in the land of courage, but it requires you to act.