

## Psalm 27

<sup>1</sup>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?

<sup>2</sup>When the wicked advance against me devour<sup>[a]</sup> me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

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

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

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

<sup>13</sup>I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

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<sup>4</sup>Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and 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

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1. How does David portray his relationship with God in Psalm 27?
2. What does it mean to see "the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living"? How can we apply this perspective to modern life?
3. How does David demonstrate his faith in God during adversities? How can this be a model for us during our tough times?
4. How can we interpret David's longing to dwell in the house of the Lord? What does this signify in today's context?
5. How can the words "The Lord is my light and my salvation" provide comfort and encouragement during challenging times in our current society?
6. What does it mean to 'seek the face' of God as David did? How can we emulate this in our daily lives?
7. In what ways does Psalm 27 inspire courage and hope amidst fear and uncertainty? How can this be applied in handling present-day crises?
8. David pleads for God's guidance and direction in verses 11-12. How does this resonate with your personal need for guidance in certain areas of your life?
9. How can you practice patience and waiting for the Lord as suggested in verse 14 in your life?
10. How does the assurance of God's protection shape our attitude towards our 'enemies' or challenges?
11. What sacrifices of joy could you offer in your present circumstance, as David did in verse 6?
12. What does it mean to be in the 'house of the Lord' in the modern, non-literal sense?
13. How does Psalm 27 redefine the concept of a 'stronghold' or 'fortress'? How can this be a reassurance in modern-day anxieties?
14. How can we emulate David's confident declaration against fear in our contemporary context?
15. What does David's continual seeking of God's presence teach us about persistence in faith?
16. In what ways can Psalm 27 inspire us to cultivate a more personal, intimate relationship with God?
17. How can we apply the teachings of Psalm 27 to improve our interactions with others?
18. In the context of Psalm 27, how would you define 'faith' and 'trust'? How are they demonstrated in your life?
19. How does Psalm 27 help you in understanding the nature of God?