

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Title: “The LORD, My Light and Salvation”

Text: Psalm 27

Series: *Psalms of Gratitude*

Psalm 27

I. Bracket One – Confidence in the LORD (vv. 1–3)

1) The LORD is my everything—He is the *light* of my life—so, I will not be afraid (v. 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) The attacks of evildoers will be thwarted by my God (in His time) – so, I remain confident in my Lord (vv. 2–3).

²*When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.*

³*Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.*

II. The Middle → A Search for Divine Presence and Deliverance (vv. 4–6, 7–12)

(A) A Desire to Dwell in the House of the LORD (vv. 4–6)

3) I am most desirous of this: To Dwell with God, to Delight in His *beauty* – I trust God! (vv. 4–5).

⁴*One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,*

*to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.
5 For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.*

4) I will sing and shout praise to God! (v. 6).

*6 And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.*

(B) A Plea for Deliverance from Enemies (vv. 7–12)

5) I will seek God—I ask God for grace (vv. 7–12).

*7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
8 You have said, “Seek my face.”
My heart says to you,
“Your face, Lord, do I seek.”
9 Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!
10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the Lord will take me in.
11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.*

III. Bracket Two – Confidence in the LORD (vv. 13–14)

6) I will wait on the Lord (vv. 13–14).

¹³ *I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!*

¹⁴ *Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!*