



THE LORD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY LIFE

Psalm 27

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This psalm is characterized by strong contrasts such as lament and laud; persecution and praise; plus warfare and worship. In Psalm 27, as the psalmist is in the presence of his Lord, he engages in 3 conversations which help him balance the ups and downs of real life.

Psalm 27:1-14

*"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** 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. **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. **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. **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. **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!"*

1. The PRIVILEGES of Being in the PRESENCE of The LORD. (v 1-6)

- A person whose strength in the Lord finds PRAISE & WORSHIP in the midst of PERSECUTION & WAR.

2. The PROBLEMS We Face Can Be RESOLVED by The LORD. (v 7-12)

- To seek GOD'S FACE is to seek intimate FELLOWSHIP with Him.

“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.” 7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. 8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” Deuteronomy 31:6-8

“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Hebrews 13:5

3. The PERSEVERANCE Needed Is Found in the STRENGTH God Gives. (v 13-14)

- Give God TIME to ANSWER.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*