

**WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP
PRAYING THE PSALMS**



PSALM 27

A BOLD DECLARATION OF FAITH

VERSE 1

The LORD is my light
And my salvation –
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength
Of my life
Of whom shall I be afraid?

VERSE 2

When the wicked came upon me
to eat up my flesh
My enemies and foes,
they stumbled and fell

VERSE 3

Though an army may encamp me,
my heart shall not fear
Though war may rise against me,
in this I will be confident

VERSE 4

One thing I have desired of the Lord,
that will I 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 inquire in His temple

VERSE 5

For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me
He shall set me high upon a rock

VERSE 6

And now my head shall be lifted up
Above my enemies all around me
Therefore I will offer sacrifices
Of joy in His tabernacle
I will sing, yes,
I will sing praises
To the LORD

VERSE 7

**Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me**

VERSE 8

**When You said, "Seek My face!"
My heart said to You
Your face, LORD, I will seek**

VERSE 9

**Do not hide Your face from me
Do not turn Your servant away in anger.
You have been my help
Do not leave me nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation**

VERSE 10

**When my father and my mother forsake me
Then the Lord will take care of me**

VERSE 11

**Teach me Your way, O LORD,
And lead me in a smooth path
Because of my enemies**

VERSE 12

**Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries
For false witnesses have risen against me
And such breathe out violence**

VERSE 13

**I would have lost heart,
Unless I have believed
That I would see the goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living**

VERSE 14

**Wait on the LORD
Be of good courage
And He shall strengthen your heart
Wait, I say, on the LORD**

PRAYING THE PSALMS – PSALM 27(VS. 1-3)
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SCRIPTURE FOCUS: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Ps. 27:1-3)*

Key Word: Salvation – (Hebrew) Yeshua: To bring deliverance or snatch from the enemy.

OPENING STATEMENT:

Psalm 27 is filled with intensity, struggle and resolve. In the midst of threats, attacks and perhaps even narrow escapes, David boldly proclaims his faith in the Lord. David writes that the Lord provided 3 important needs in the midst of his struggle: 1. Light 2. Salvation 3. Strength.

Light provides the following advantages: Light removes the fear that comes with darkness and the unknown. Light reveals the location of our enemies. Light exposes secret plots. Light leads us to a way of escape. Finally, light speaks of David’s boldness. He had no desire to hide in the darkness. Because he was not afraid, he faced his enemies.

Salvation is the foreshadowing of what the Lord Jesus would accomplish for us on Calvary’s cross. David paints a clear picture of what salvation looks like. Salvation protects us from the attacks of our enemies. Salvation gives us victory over the enemy’s attempt to capture and destroy our souls. Salvation is God’s power working in us to bring healing, restoration and deliverance.

Strength is the blessing that David also mentioned that comes from the Lord. Strength is not only a reference to physical endurance, but it also speaks of spiritual and emotional fortitude. The fearful experience of having the enemy come against our health – family – career – ministry – finances can shake our faith to the core. It takes the courage and strength that can only come from the Lord to get back on our feet and continue to stand firm. The battles that David faced and the victories that he won gave him the bold testimony: *The Lord is – my light – my salvation – my strength...whom shall I fear?*

OBSERVATIONS: Read Psalm 27:1-4

1. Find the connection between 1 Samuel 17:45-50 and Psalm 27:3.
2. In what other Psalm does David refer to the Lord as his *light*?
3. In what other Psalm does writer refer to the Lord as his *salvation*?

INTERPRETATION:

1. Read 1 Sam. 30:1-8 – Was David always fully confident and fearless as recorded in Psalm 27:1-2? (Explain)
2. In 1 Samuel 30:9-20 – How do you see David being strengthened by the Lord?

PERSONALIZATION:

1. When you are under attack what would you would say in your heart to declare your faith in God?

APPLICATION:

Based on what you've learned from the life of David, write down a scripture that you will use to encourage someone who is facing a difficult and frightening situation.