



PRAYING THE PSALMS – PSALM 27(VS. 11) FROM FEAR TO FAITH

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Scripture Focus: *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 (Ps. 27:9).*

Key Words: Salvation: (Hebrew – Yeshua) Savior, i.e., a title of God. Deliverance, safety, protection that produces freedom from a present danger.

OPENING STATEMENT: When we are faced with challenges, there are two effective “*I wills*” that move the Lord to act on our behalf:

1. ***I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle.*** The word *sacrifice* denotes the act of giving something at great expense or with great difficulty. When we are sad or troubled the hardest thing to do is to come before our Heavenly Father with joy. Yet, the Apostle Paul wrote in Philipians 4:4 “Rejoice, in the Lord always. Again *I will say, rejoice!*” Paul presents these words not as advice but an absolute must do! I am convinced that Paul recognized that rejoicing blocks Satan’s power to hinder us and torment our mind. To re-joyce means to express joy over and over again by re-hearing the blessings of the Lord. If you are healthy, thank God for your health. If you have a supportive family, thank God for your family. If God have brought you through trials in the past, rejoice because you know the Lord will help you again.
2. ***I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.*** Singing praises to the Lord does more than give you a warm fuzzy feeling. Singing strengthens and binds us together, aids in the memory of God’s faithfulness, reflects joy and releases sadness. Praise ushers you into the very presence of the Lord where your heaviness is taken away and your hope is renewed. Praise moves the Great I Am to act on our behalf. In times of crisis He is *Yeshua* (salvation) the One who saves, protects and delivers. Praise Him for being everything that you need Him to be in every situation that you face.

As David offered sacrifices of joy and praise to the Lord, he also presented his petition for help:

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.

Please rest assured that in your time of need, the Lord hears your personal *do not* list. Remember, we stir the heart of God by making the following decision: ***I will*** bless the Lord at all times His praise shall continuously be in my mouth.

OBSERVATION: It seems that we are always seeking the blessings of the Lord. But we can also choose to bless the Lord. Please search the scriptures for the following types of glorious declarations of **I wills**:

1. I will bless
2. I will praise
3. I will offer
4. I will give
5. I will seek

INTERPRETATION:

1. What is significant about the use of the word “seek” found in verse 4 and the use of the word “seek” found in verse 8?
2. Explain what you think God meant when He said to David “Seek My face.”
2. What did David mean by his response: “Your face, Lord, I will seek.”

PERSONALIZATON: Make a personal “do not” list that you will present as a petition to the Lord: Ex. – Lord, do not allow...

APPLICATION: Pray a sincere list of “do not’s” over someone you love.