



**PRAYING THE PSALMS – PSALM 27(VS. 4-5)  
FROM FEAR TO FAITH  
Women's Discipleship Group  
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Series #3 Lesson #2**

**SCRIPTURE FOCUS:** *One thing have I 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 (Ps. 27:5).*

**Key Words Seek** (Hebrew) Baqash - To be in relation to another as a figurative extension of seeking to be in the presence of that person in order to gain knowledge and understanding.

**OPENING STATEMENT:**

As we read verse 27:4-5, we discover that David was a “*seeker of the Lord.*” A “*seeker*” is one who has already made a connection with the Lord and then strives to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of Him. In the midst of trouble David found refuge in the house of the Lord. Whether we are dealing with a drastic change, disappointment or fear there is no better dwelling place to take refuge than in the house of the Lord. According to the scriptures the “*one thing*” that David seeks in the house of the Lord is actually divided into “*three things.*”

1. That he may dwell in the house of the Lord: *To dwell* means to take up residence. It is the place where your life is centered. It is the place that provides support, encouragement, protection and wise counsel. Without a spiritual dwelling place, your soul is homeless and subject to all the attacks that come from the evil of this world.
2. To behold the beauty of the Lord: This denotes praise, worship and adoration. When we are truly seeking the Lord, we can see his beauty in many ways. We experience His beauty in the sanctuary as the musicians and singers worship Him. We see His beauty as we study his Word. We also behold His beauty in nature and in the faces of young people in love, little children and the elderly.
3. And to inquire in His temple: To inquire means to seek the Lord in prayer and in the Word. We come to his temple to find comfort, fellowship and to be perfected in our faith. This is achieved through worship, prayer and the ministry of preaching and teaching. We also find answers to life questions as we spend time in His temple.

It is important to note that wherever God's people gather in His name it becomes a temple of worship that protects us from all of the struggles and cares of this life.

