

My Heart will not Fear



Psalms 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?

² When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

³ Though a host encamp against me, My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me, In *spite of* this I shall be confident.

⁴ One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall 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 meditate in His temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.

⁶ And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice, And be gracious to me and answer me.

⁸ *When You said*, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, O Lord, "I shall seek."

⁹ Do not hide Your face from me, Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me, But the LORD will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a level path Because of my foes.

¹² Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.

¹³ *I would have despaired* unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD IN the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.

As we study the *Majesty of the Lord in Psalms*, we come to realize that knowledge

and presence of the Lord carries far beyond the times of worship. Who God is and my faith in God directly shapes my choices and molds my emotions.

In Psalms 27, we find the Psalmist in trouble. Enemies and adversaries have approached and there is great reason to be afraid.

Name the different enemies throughout David's life

1. The passage moves from faith (1-6) to fear (7-14)
- It shifts from confidence to prayer

• Very Profoundly David Declares:

- Whom shall I fear (_____) - 1
- My heart will not _____—3
- I shall be _____—3

• It was his faith that made all the difference

- he knew God was his _____-1
- he knew God would _____ him—5
- he knew God had been his _____—9

• This Mirrors Peter's walk on water (Mt 14:24-31)

- when we think about the Lord:
- when we think about the troubles:

Fear is a Crippling Emotion

- We fear others not liking us:
- We fear not being included:
- We fear being different:
- We fear the unknown:

2. David's Positive Actions are:

- _____ me Your way, O Lord—11
- _____ me in a level path —11
- _____ for the Lord—14
- _____ the Lord— 9
- _____ unto the Lord-7

How can fear be a positive for us?

What is meant by a "level" path (11)?

What is the one thing that David asked the Lord (4)?

What descriptive words are used in this chapter to define David's enemies?