

## **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT & MY SALVATION – PSALM 27:1-14**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The twenty-seventh psalm is another psalm of David.
2. There is no clue to the circumstances in the Hebrew heading for this psalm but in the Septuagint, the heading reads, “Of David, before his anointing.”<sup>1</sup>
3. This means the psalm could have been written while he was in exile and fleeing Saul.
4. Regardless of when it was written it is an interesting psalm which expresses both David’s confidence in God but also his anxiety and fear and who among us can’t relate to feeling that way at times?
5. Let us consider this psalm and see what we can learn from David about waiting and trusting in God.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **I. LORD I TRUST IN YOU**

- A. The psalm begins in a confident proclamation that God is David’s defense and hope in the face of his enemies (**Ps. 27:1**).
- B. David says the LORD is his light.
  - i. God is often associated with light (**1 John 1:5**).
  - ii. This is the only verse in the Old Testament where God is referred to as light.
  - iii. Jesus is also called light in the New Testament (**John 1:5, 9**).
  - iv. While we often think of light as understanding in scripture here it is probably the idea that God, in the face of threats, dispels the darkness surrounding David (**cp. Ps. 18:28; 2 Pet. 1:19**). → **“A beacon shining in a dark place”**
- C. David says God is his salvation.
  - i. The Hebrew word means deliverance and here it is speaking of physical deliverance from his enemies.
  - ii. David knew God would deliver him because of what He had done in the past (**Ps. 18:2; 28:8**).
- D. David says God is his stronghold.
  - i. God had been his refuge and defense from his foes before.
  - ii. Even if they should attack him, David would trust in God (**Prov. 18:10**).
- E. Because God is his light, salvation, and stronghold David had no fear (**Ps. 27:2-3**).
- F. If we have the same relationship with God that David had, then we should have the same confidence (**Rom. 8:31, 37; 1 John 4:4**).

#### **II. LORD I SEEK FOR YOU**

- A. The psalm continues in an expression of David’s great desire to remain in God’s presence.

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<sup>1</sup> Brannan, R., Penner, K. M., Loken, I., Aubrey, M., & Hoogendyk, I. (Eds.). (2012). [The Lexham English Septuagint](#) (Ps 26:title). Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

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- B.** He desires to dwell in the house of the Lord all his life (*Ps. 27:4*).
  - i. What house is he referring to?
  - ii. In David's life, there was no temple but only the tent of the tabernacle.
  - iii. Of course, it was also called the temple (*1 Sam. 1:9; 3:3*).
  - iv. If David was in the wilderness he wouldn't be able to go and worship.
  - v. He yearns to be in God's presence and worship Him (*Ps. 26:8*).
- C.** He is confident that God will give him victory and he will once again come to God's house and praise Him (*Ps. 27:5-6*).
  - i. Again, the imagery is one of refuge in his relationship with God even in times of trouble.
  - ii. He is determined to return and to worship and revel in the joy of God's presence (*Ps. 16:11; 21:6*).
- D.** If we are seeking God in Christ the way David was then our desire should be to abide in Him and to worship Him (*John 4:23-24; 15:1-8*).

### **III. LORD I PRAY TO YOU**

- A.** It is at this point that the psalm changes in tone and moves from expressions of confidence to a prayer for God to hear and to deliver him.
- B.** What does David ask of God?
- C.** He seeks to be heard (*Ps. 27:7-8*).
  - i. His confidence in God moves Him to seek Him in prayer.
  - ii. God wants us to do the same and He wants to bless us (*Matt. 7:7-11*).
- D.** David seeks acceptance (*Ps. 27:8-10*).
  - i. Having been there for him in the past gives him hope that He will be with him now.
  - ii. Even if our dearest family should forsake us, God will not (*2 Tim. 4:17; 3:11*).
- E.** David seeks guidance (*Ps. 27:11*).
  - i. God wants us to recognize that His ways are best (*Jer. 10:23*). → *Isa. 55:8-9*
  - ii. This has been a theme in the past two psalms as well (*Ps. 26:1-3; 25:4-5*).
- F.** David seeks protection from his enemies (*Ps. 27:11-12*).
  - i. If God is for us who can be against us (*Heb. 13:5-6*)?
  - ii. On the other hand, if God is not with us, who can deliver us?
- G.** If we find ourselves fearful and anxious then we need to be like David and take it to the Lord in prayer (*Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Pet. 5:7*).

### **CONCLUSION**

1. The psalm ends with the confidence that David would see God's goodness again (*Ps. 27:13*).
2. He encourages everyone to be patient, trusting and hoping in God's faithfulness (*Ps. 27:14*).
3. In trying times God was David's answer and he trusted in God, sought Him, and prayed.
4. What about you?
5. Is the Lord your light, salvation, and stronghold?