



PSALM 27

SITUATIONS

QUICK REVIEW

LESSON ONE

- » We can live in confidence because of our God

LESSON TWO

- » We can live in communion with our God

LESSON THREE

- » We must live our lives calling on our God

LESSON FOUR

- » We must trust our God to bring about the right conclusion

ABOUT THIS PSALM

Psalm 27 has a lot to do with how to handle ourselves when we find ourselves in a challenging situation. It is quite possible that David faced just about any and every kind of situation that any one of us will ever face. David seemed to take each of these situations and take it to God and through that action find the ability to either overcome or endure.

AUTHOR

We are informed in the title that the author of Psalm 27 is David, the son of Jesse from Bethlehem. Many Bible Historians concur that it is highly probable that this psalm was written concerning a situation that occurs in I Samuel 21-22. Jealous King Saul has been pursuing David. Jonathan, Saul's son, warns David that his father is again planning another attack on David's life. On his way out of town David stops to see if he can get some supplies from a priest named Ahimelech. The priest gives David five loaves of the Holy bread and the sword of Goliath. In his pursuit of David, King Saul also stops to see Ahimelech and orders the death of 85 people as a result.

THEME

Psalm 27 is primarily about how to handle ourselves when we find ourselves in a challenging situation. While we may, or may not, be in danger of losing our life, we can find ourselves in situations where someone or something is coming against us. David knew to go to the house of God for assistance in his difficulty. Being offered the Holy bread from the tabernacle was a significantly rare treat. It gives us a spiritual lesson as to how much God really does oversee the affairs of our lives.

There are four things that David seemed to possess in this situation that we can learn from and use in our own lives.

1. David had confidence that God would protect him. The awesome timing and provision of his Almighty God met David's faith.
2. David lived in communion with God, through worship, God's word, and prayer.
3. David cried out to God as a common practice throughout his life, both in the good times and the bad.
4. As a result of David seeking God faithfully, he knew the situation would conclude in victory as long as he waited on God.

These four steps are certainly practical things that we can apply to our lives today in order to find God's help in each of our situations too.



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INTEGRITY

PSALM 27:1-3: “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? When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.”

QUESTIONS

David lists several characteristics about God in this passage. What difference do these characteristics make on David’s perspective of his current situation?

In what ways have you experienced the Lord as your light, salvation, and stronghold?

PSALM 27:4-6: “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. 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. 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.”

QUESTIONS

What would you say is David’s deepest desire from these scriptures?

Have you ever had an experience attending church (or maybe even a Cornerstone community meeting!) where the worship, the message from God’s word, or the altar prayer time met your specific need in a very distinct way?

PSALM 27:7-12: “Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When You said, ‘Seek My face,’ my heart said to You, ‘Your face, LORD, I will seek.’ 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. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take care of me. Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies. Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.”

QUESTIONS

Consider the requests that David makes of God. Which one would you put at the top of your list today and why?

PSALM 27:13-14: “I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD! ”

QUESTIONS

What prevented David from losing heart?

If God had written Psalm 27 just for you, what words and phrases would he have underlined?

CLOSING SCRIPTURES

- » Zechariah 4:6: “This is the word of the LORD ... ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.”
- » Matthew 6:33: “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”