

Psalm 27
September 20-21, 2023

**DAVID'S
SONGS**

* A STUDY OF SELECTED PSALMS *

1. Read David's words in Psalm 27:1-14. In verse 1, what three realities keep David from surrendering to fear?

How do you think each individual reality would keep fear at bay?

2. We realize God has been faithful to David in frightening situations when we read Psalm 27:2-3. What are these situations?

Compare the outcome of the wicked with the response of David.

What are some of the worldly adversaries and foes that attack us today in different ways? Read Ephesians 6:12 for added insight.

Share some of the ways you have remained confident in the Lord when facing these enemies.

3. Psalm 27:4-5 describes David's desire to live in the presence of the Lord. What words describe the actions he will take to draw near to God in 27:4?

What can we glean about David from Psalm 27:4 when considering all the earthly riches, power, and authority that were available to him?

What more can we learn about David from Paul's words in Acts 13:21-22?

4. One result of living in the presence of God is to receive His loving protection. Read Psalm 27:5 and explain in your own words how God is the best of shelters in the worst of dangers.

What three words describe the actions God takes to rescue His own?

Can you share a time in your life when you were hidden, concealed, or lifted up by God in a time of trouble?

5. How does David respond to the presence and protection of God? Read Psalm 27:6.

Why is it important to recognize the victories God brings us? Gain insight by reading 1 Samuel 17:34-37 as David explained to King Saul why he could fight their enemy Goliath.

6. Read David's heartfelt pleas to God in Psalm 27:7-12. Summarize some of David's deep concerns.

Where is David's faith apparent in these verses?

What is our greatest weapon against the evils we face found in verse 7?

7. What does it mean to seek God's face? Read Psalm 27:8 along with Psalm 17:15, Psalm 40:16, and Psalm 105:4.

8. Read Psalm 27:8-10. Many people on earth may forsake us, but what are the reasons David believes the Lord will not forsake him?

9. In Psalm 27:11, we can envision David's enemies lying in wait for him. What words would you use to describe David in this verse?

What is the danger of choosing our own proud path when walking among the wicked? Also read Proverbs 19:2.

10. What is the evil result of the weapon of slander according to Psalm 27:12?

What do you think are some of the sinful attitudes that fuel the lies of slanderers?

11. Even when he is surrounded by darkness, David continues to trust in the Lord. What can he see using his eyes of faith? Read Psalm 27:13-14.

How does he accomplish this kind of faith?

12. Consider the beliefs and actions of David as he faced his enemies and fears in Psalm 27. What beliefs and actions will you apply to a fearful situation you are now facing?

13. Write your own prayer psalm of faith relating to your life circumstances today.

14. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

Facing Fear in Faith
Psalm 27

*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
Psalm 34:8*

KNOWING WHAT IS TRUE

27:1-6

David faced every enemy in his life knowing God is _____.

David's soul was assured his redemption brought him out of darkness into light.

David rested in the reality that God was the defense of his life.

David was certain the power of God would lead him to victory over his adversaries.

David knew living in the presence of God provided him _____ during danger.

Focus on God's goodness instead of your circumstances to overcome your fears.

SEEKING WHAT IS NEEDED

27:7-12

God desires to be _____, and David desired to know Him from his heart.

David begged God to continue to be his Helper, as David continued to be His servant.

David knew his earthly father could not meet his needs, but his heavenly Father would.

Because of the enemies pursuing him, David _____ his Father to teach him how to walk.

David sought God's will to undo the violent will of his adversaries.

When facing your enemies, turn to the face of God and share your greatest needs.

BELIEVING WHAT IS PROMISED

27:13-14

God's goodness was everywhere David looked, because he _____ it was there to see.

David practiced the discipline of patience to build a strong and courageous heart.

Anchored in the _____ of God, David continually carried a shield of faith.

Faith in God means to wait for His timing while trusting His promises.

KEY: good, security, known, asked, believed, promises

EPHESIANS 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

EPHESIANS 6:16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one....

1 JOHN 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

ROMANS 8:31, 33-34 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

JEREMIAH 29:13 “You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”

PSALM 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

PSALM 105:3-4 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

PSALM 32:10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

ISAIAH 26:3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

ISAIAH 41:10 “...fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”