

“THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION”

Psalm 27

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INTRODUCTION

What is it that you really want in life? What do you want more than anything else? For what would you be willing to sacrifice anything/everything?

The psalmist really has one great desire in life: **To live in His presence all his days; to behold His beauty and pleasantness; and to inquire/meditate from/on Him** (v. 4)

YOUR ONE GREAT DESIRE MUST BE FOR YOUR GOD—Who is your light and salvation.

Therefore, have confidence in God; you must seek Him in time of need; and you must let your trust be renewed and patiently wait for Him.

I. HAVE **CONFIDENCE** IN GOD (1-6)

A. As a God who meets every **need** (1-3)

1. He is a refuge against every fear (1)

- He is my Light
Light: what is it? Truth—Ps. 43:3; Goodness—Is. 5:20; Joy—Ps. 97:11; Vitality—Ps. 36:9; Hope
- He is my salvation
Salvation: Spiritual deliverance, physical deliverance, etc.
- He is my refuge
- Whom can I fear or of what can I be in dread?

2. He has always been my protector (2)

- I have adversaries who are evil and vicious—like a pack of wild animals.
- They are enemies of me and righteousness.
- The Lord causes them to stumble and fall and fail in their plan.

3. He always gives me hope and confidence—in even the hardest circumstances (3).

- Even an army causes me no fear in my heart.
- Even an all-out war cannot remove my confidence.

B. As a God who meets me in personal **fellowship** (4-6)

Note: *House, Temple, tabernacle* [or refuge], *tent*.

1. His Presence is **my one great desire** (4)—cf. Paul’s “**This one thing**”—**Phil 3:13**.

- His “beauty” is something to behold! The glory of His attributes.
- His attributes are worthy of meditation and earnest inquiry

2. His presence is my safety and protection (5)

- He hides me till the trouble has passed
- He conceals me from my enemies
- He exalts me securely on a rock—Maybe the rock on Mt. Moriah

3. His victory leads me to worship and rejoice with exultation (6)

- True spiritual enemies will be put down and I will be lifted up.
- I offer my sacrificial praise with shouts of joy.
- I will sing, yes sing praises with instruments to the Lord

However, life still presses in; I continue to have problems. O HOW I CONTINUE TO NEED HIS HELP!

II. SEEK THE LORD IN **PRAYER** IN TIME OF NEED (7-12)

- A. My help depends upon His **grace**--and His loyal love and faithfulness--he hears and answers (7).
- B. He will surely help for I simply plead His **word**: "Seek my face"; so I seek! (8)
- C. I am His servant whom He has helped and saved in the past. (9)
- He must not now turn away his face—His comforting presence—from me.
 - He must not turn me away from Him due to anger with me—I count on grace.
 - He must not abandon me; he must not forsake me.
- D. He is **constant** even when all others fail (10)
- Even closest relatives can and will fail me
 - The Lord "gathers me up" when others discard me
- E. He will "teach me His **way**—of safety and protection in His will (11).
- My path will be level and even (cf. 26:12)
 - My foes who carefully watch to ruin me will not succeed.
- F. He will not deliver me over to the greedy appetite ["soul"] of my adversaries (12)
- They have been false witnesses
 - Their very breath is violence and wickedness—CF. Saul of Tarsus in Acts 9:1.

III. LET YOUR **TRUST** IN GOD BE RENEWED AND PATIENTLY **WAIT** FOR HIM (13-14)

- A. I know He in Whom I have believed! My trust in Him still supports me (13).
1. Otherwise I would have despair.
 2. It is His **goodness** that gives me such confidence.
 3. I will experience His goodness "in the land of the living; I have real life in Him.
- B. I must trust him evermore (14).
1. I will wait for him; yes I will **wait** for Him—no matter what the test or time.
 2. I must be **strong**; yes I must let my heart be strong!

CONCLUSION

O child of God, **YOUR ONE GREAT DESIRE MUST BE FOR YOUR GOD—Who is your light and salvation.**

You must share David's *One Great Desire*: To know Him, to dwell in His presence.

You can trust in God; you can seek Him and find His help in time of need; you can patiently wait for Him even when the way is long and weary!