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Psalm 27

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Vs. 1-3-David's confidence casts out fear of men;
Vs. 4-6-David's "church time" creates closeness to God;
Vs. 7-10-David's care is in God's Hands;
Vs. 11-14-David's courage will overcome in life.

In **verses 1-3**, God's "light" shows the way and "salvation" gives security, therefore: "Whom shall I fear?" This is a thought continued throughout the Bible, from God's promise to Isaac (Genesis 26:24) to the New Testament church of Christ in Smyrna (Revelation 2:10). Jesus said: "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). The Apostle Paul taught: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). Truly, a soul who is following His "light," secure in God's salvation, should have no fear of mankind! That promise, though, is not for those walking in the darkness of sin! "The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble" (Proverbs 4:19). Jesus' claims to be "the light of the world" (John 8:12) and that He could forgive sins (Luke 5:24-25) were also claims that He was God in the flesh (1 John 4:14-15), which claims God proved true by Jesus' resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:3-4).

In **verses 4-6**, since "church" simply means "assembly," then David's "one thing" he "desired of the LORD" was to be in the assembly of God's people for worship! Since "the secret place of His tabernacle" represented God's presence on earth (Exodus 26:33; 40:21; Leviticus 16:2), David finds the most secure place on earth "in time of trouble" is in God's house! "The house of the LORD" (today is the church of Christ, 1 Timothy 3:15), "His temple" (today is the church of Christ, Ephesians 2:19-22) will be a Christian's one desire. This focused purpose in life is also what Jesus taught for today's Christians: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). And no matter what the trouble, David will "sing praises to the LORD," which is vocal without other instrumentation. This is exactly what Paul and Silas did from prison (Acts 16:23-25).

From **verses 7-10** we learn God will not turn away from those who "seek" Him. Jesus stressed further not to simply use words "Lord, Lord" (Matthew 7:21), but "strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). Salvation is not through a "sinner's prayer" but through obedience to God's will of repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)! This devotion to God's will must take precedence over family ties (Luke 14:27) and, though "hatred" is not required (Matthew 10:37), parents may (and have!) renounced their child for its religious conviction to follow Jesus Christ. In verse 8, David reaffirms his covenant agreement with God, thus his faithful intention.



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Then, in **verses 11-14**, David shows that by learning God’s way, he may ignore his enemies and keep his faith intact, fully confident that God will reward faithfulness. Thus we have our word of courage: “Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!” How we need courage of conviction and patience of faith in God today!

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