**November 11, 2020**

**Psalm 27 - New Revised Standard Version**

**Triumphant Song of Confidence**

**Of David.**

**1**The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+27&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-14287a)] of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**2**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

**3**Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**4**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:  
to live 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.

**5**For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  he will set me high on a rock.

**6**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**7**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!  
**8**“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.  
**9**    Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,  you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!  
**10**If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

**11**Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path  
    because of my enemies.  
**12**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,   
    for false witnesses have risen against me,  
    and they are breathing out violence.

**13**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
**14**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
    wait for the Lord!

# Psalm 27 -The Message

**A David Psalm**

**27**Light, space, zest— that’s God!  
So, with him on my side I’m fearless, afraid of no one and nothing.

**2**    When vandal hordes ride down ready to eat me alive,  
Those bullies and toughs fall flat on their faces.

**3**When besieged, I’m calm as a baby.  
When all hell breaks loose, I’m collected and cool.

**4**I’m asking God for one thing, only one thing:  
To live with him in his house my whole life long.  
I’ll contemplate his beauty; I’ll study at his feet.

**5**That’s the only quiet, secure place in a noisy world,  
The perfect getaway, far from the buzz of traffic.

**6**God holds me head and shoulders above all who try to pull me down.  
I’m headed for his place to offer anthems that will raise the roof!  
Already I’m singing God-songs; I’m making music to God.

**7-9**Listen, God, I’m calling at the top of my lungs: “Be good to me! Answer me!”  
When my heart whispered, “Seek God,”  my whole being replied,  
“I’m seeking him!” Don’t hide from me now!

**9-10**You’ve always been right there for me; don’t turn your back on me now.  
Don’t throw me out, don’t abandon me; you’ve always kept the door open.  
My father and mother walked out and left me, but God took me in.

**11-12**Point me down your highway, God; direct me along a well-lighted street;  
    show my enemies whose side you’re on.  
Don’t throw me to the dogs, those liars who are out to get me,  
    filling the air with their threats.

**13-14**I’m sure now I’ll see God’s goodness in the exuberant earth.  
Stay with God! Take heart. Don’t quit.  
I’ll say it again:  
    Stay with God.