

**Psalm 27** A Study Of Fear  
A Psalm of David.

"The fear of man is a snare  
But he who trusts in the Lord  
shall be saved."  
Proverbs

**I.**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; — *salvation from "fear"*  
Whom shall I fear? — *a resolve: "I will not fear"*  
The LORD is the defense of my life; — *let. "refuse"* Sometimes you can only  
Whom shall I dread? *hide.*

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, — *a very real threat like a pack of wolves*  
My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.  
*they got "unlucky"*

<sup>3</sup>Though a host encamp against me,  
My heart will not fear;  
Though war arise against me,  
In spite of this I shall be confident.

**II.** David is confident because he fears God...  
The best way to conquer fear is to fear God

*undistracted devotion*  
<sup>4</sup>One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek:  
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my *unbroken fellowship*  
life,  
*worship* — To behold the beauty of the LORD  
*discipleship* — And to meditate in His temple. *let. "mauire"*

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;  
In the secret place of His tent He will hide me;  
He will lift me up on a rock.

*and David is confident concerning the future of victory*  
<sup>6</sup>And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me,  
*worship* — And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
*and joy* — I will sing, yes! I will sing praises to the LORD.

**III.** David describes what brought him victory...  
He prayed...

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice,  
And be gracious to me and answer me.

*because God commanded it of him...*  
<sup>8</sup>When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You,  
"Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."  
*he sought the face or the blessing of God.*

<sup>9</sup>Do not hide Your face from me,  
Do not turn Your servant away in anger;  
You have been my help;  
Do not abandon me nor forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!

"If God commands the  
Love of man  
God will not fail to  
bestow His own.. "

God will be more faithful  
than any other relationship

<sup>10</sup>For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
But the LORD will take me up.

**IV** Here is David's  
prayer

<sup>11</sup>Teach me Your way, O LORD,  
And lead me in (a level path)  
Because of my foes.

David prays for guidance

means that God will lead him forward  
through the problem..  
and get the difficulties behind him

<sup>12</sup>Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries,  
For false witnesses have risen against me,  
And such as breathe out violence.

David prays for protection  
from liars

note Acts 9:1

<sup>13</sup>I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see  
the  
goodness of the LORD

without God David  
would have no hope at all.

In the land of the living. *on this side of death*

**V** David now speaks to  
the reader

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD;

and as you  
wait be strong  
in faith

Be strong and let your heart take courage;

Yes, wait for the LORD.