

In the Day of Trouble: The Discipline of Perseverance

Psalm 27

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Psa. 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psa. 27:2 When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

Psa. 27:3 Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

Psa. 27:4 One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

Psa. 27:5 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 lift me high upon a rock.

Psa. 27:6 And now my head shall be 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.

Psa. 27:7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

- 8** You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
 "Your face, Lord, do I seek."
- 9** Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
 O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
 O God of my salvation!
- 10** For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
 but the Lord will take me in.

Psa. 27:11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

- 12** Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

Psa. 27:13 I believe that I shall look upon 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!

Table Discussion Questions:

1. What are your go-to escape mechanisms when things get hard? What are you escaping from?
2. What are you most afraid of? How does a healthy fear of God overwhelm our most unhealthy fears in life?
3. What is the one thing that the Psalmist asks for in the day of trouble?
4. What does it mean (practically) to abide in Christ?
5. Do you pray with perseverance? Why is it so hard to wait on God to answer prayer?
6. What does the Cross of Christ teach us about perseverance? What will we miss if we always avoid suffering?

Challenge this Week: Persevere in Prayer

- Write down the things making you most anxious this week. What has you worried?
- Read Psalm 27.
- Take some time to bring your anxieties to the Lord in prayer. Use Psalm 27 as a guide.