



Lesson 2: A Heart Ruled by God

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Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

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Psalm 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?

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

Outline:

In this psalm, we see that a heart ruled by God is:

1. Confident in the power of God (vv. 1-3)
2. Compelled by the presence of God (vv. 4-6)
3. Comforted by the purposes of God (vv. 7-14)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is your heart the most important part of who you are?
2. Are there circumstances in your life where you struggle to be confident in the power of God? What has God done in the past that might build your confidence for these circumstances?
3. If you were to ask God for one thing, what would it be? Try to answer this honestly. How does your answer compare with what David asks for in Verse 4?
4. Read Revelation 21:3-4. Of all the blessings we will experience in the new heavens and earth, which is the greatest?
5. Who were some of the people close to David who betrayed and harmed him? You may not have experienced something as severe, but perhaps you have experienced something similar. What was that like?
6. What does it mean to wait for the Lord? Why might David repeat that line as he concludes the psalm?