

DAY 10 – The Lord Is My Light

Psalm 27

27 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

⁴ One thing have I desired 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 behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

⁶ And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore, will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

⁸ When thou saidst, seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

⁹ Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

¹² Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

¹³ I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Focus: Courage in the Presence of God

Psalm 27 opens with bold confidence: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" Light represents clarity, direction, and hope. In seasons of uncertainty, God becomes the illumination that drives out fear. Lent often leads us through reflection and even discomfort, but this psalm reminds us that fear does not have the final word. When God is our light, darkness cannot overcome us.

David writes of enemies and opposition, yet his desire is singular: "One thing I have desired of the Lord... that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." In the middle of pressure, David longs not for escape but for presence. That is spiritual maturity. Courage is not the absence of struggle; it is the decision to stay close to God in the struggle.

The psalm closes with a charge: "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart." Waiting becomes an act of bravery. Trusting God's timing requires faith, especially when answers seem delayed. As we journey through Lent, Psalm 27 calls us to anchor ourselves in God's presence and to walk forward with holy courage.

Prayer: Lord, be our light in every dark place. Strengthen our hearts when fear tries to rise. Teach us to wait with courage and trust in Your salvation. In Jesus' name, Amen.