

My Light and Salvation  
Psalm 27  
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**Main Idea:** Seeking God's face leads to contentment in life.

Introduction

How do we deal with trials and challenges in our lives? We tend to skip over step number one for Christians. Many of us began to look at our resources and try to figure out how we are going to solve our problems. Our culture teaches us that we are responsible for ourselves, to pull ourselves up by her own bootstraps. Those who can do this without any help are seen as heroes in our culture.

But that is not the culture of the Bible. When we run into trials and hard times, our best option is to rely on the Lord to help us. After all, many trials may be initiated by ourselves or by our circumstances but all of them are meant by the Lord to teach us something. Perhaps God wants to make our faith for our character stronger. But maybe he is just trying to help us realize that if we do not have him with us in the trial we will not only failed to keep our head above the water but we will drown.

Psalm 27 at first glance is a Psalm all about having confidence to face our battles. But when we look deeper we find that the reason the psalmist has confidence is because he is in the presence of the Lord, has found a way to see God's face and has learned to wait on the Lord. The solution to every problem in life is to wait in the presence of the Lord and seek his face. Indeed, without the Lord walking with us we will not find ourselves successful.

**Psalm 27:1, 3**

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

- I.** God's presence is my confidence (vv. 1 – 6).
  - A God keeps me from all fears.
  - B God is my shield against my enemies.

**Psalm 27:8**

**8** You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

- II.** Seeking God is my recourse (vv. 7 – 10).

- A God calls us to seek him in our distress.
- B God will not forsake us in trouble.

**Psalm 27:13–14**

**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!

**III.** Waiting on God is my strength (vv. 11 – 14).

- A God's word is my defense.
- B God comes to our defense.

**Conclusion**

Now we have seen how to be successful by the Lord's standard. The Lord is waiting for us to realize that we must enter into his presence. He is always here with us but we do not always realize he is here or look to him to help us. We must learn to wait on the Lord and seek his face. This is the answer to every crisis and every trial no matter how big they may seem. We must learn to first rely on the Lord before we rely on our own resources or ourselves or the world around us. Trials are meant to be a teaching device by the Lord. They do not take him by surprise as they take us a surprise. But each trial helps us to grow closer to God and to learn faster how to turn to him the moment we face them. Let us learn from our past that God is bigger than our problems and he alone is willing to help at a moments notice as long as we would turn to him first.