

PSALM 27

Theme: God offers help for today and hope for the future. Unwavering confidence in God is our antidote for fear and loneliness.

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A psalm of David

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—
so why should I be afraid?
The LORD protects me from danger—
so why should I tremble?
- ² When evil people come to destroy me,
when my enemies and foes attack me,
they will stumble and fall.
- ³ Though a mighty army surrounds me,
my heart will know no fear.
Even if they attack me,
I remain confident.
- ⁴ The one thing I ask of the LORD—
the thing I seek most—
is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
delighting in the LORD's perfections
and meditating in his Temple.
- ⁵ For he will conceal me there when troubles come;
he will hide me in his sanctuary.
He will place me out of reach on a high rock.
- ⁶ Then I will hold my head high,
above my enemies who surround me.
At his Tabernacle I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy,
singing and praising the LORD with music.
- ⁷ Listen to my pleading, O LORD.
Be merciful and answer me!
- ⁸ My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me."
And my heart responds, "LORD, I am coming."
- ⁹ Do not hide yourself from me.
Do not reject your servant in anger.
You have always been my helper.
Don't leave me now; don't abandon me,
O God of my salvation!
- ¹⁰ Even if my father and mother abandon me,
the LORD will hold me close.
- ¹¹ Teach me how to live, O LORD.
Lead me along the path of honesty,
for my enemies are waiting for me to fall.
- ¹² Do not let me fall into their hands.
For they accuse me of things I've never done

- and breathe out violence against me.
- ¹³ Yet I am confident that I will see the LORD's goodness
while I am here in the land of the living.
- ¹⁴ Wait patiently for the LORD.
Be brave and courageous.
Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.