

## **Praying the Psalms: Psalm 27**

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I love the Psalms. They are as much a human communication to God as they are God's communication to us. They are inspired, but they model the human need for God and our dependency upon God. We spend too little time in the Psalms. They deserve to be read afresh through the contemporary eyes. I do not know the origin of the following; I simply know it is borrowed. It suggests the power of praying the Psalms.

Consider some of the things for which Christians should pray.

### **Singleness of Vision, Moral Clarity**

Ps 27:1a

The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

### **Fearlessness, Boldness**

Ps 27:1b

The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?

### **Protection from Libel, Slander, Hatred, Persecution**

Ps 27:2

When [not 'if'] evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

### **Confidence in Christ, a Guarded Heart**

Ps 27:3

Though a host encamp against me, My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident.

### **Priorities Devotions, Rest, Balance**

Ps 27:4

One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: 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 meditate in His temple.

### **Deliverance, Favor**

Ps 27:5

For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.

### **An Overcoming Spirit, a Higher Perspective**

Ps 27:6

And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me; And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy. I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

### **Direction, Wisdom, Surefootedness**

Ps 27:7,11

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice, and be gracious to me and answer me. . . . Teach me Thy way, O Lord and lead me in a level path because of my foes.

**A Release of Faith, an Expectancy of Good**

Ps 27:13

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Strength, Courage, Endurance**

Ps 27:14

Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for the Lord.

May we pray also, "And let Your kingdom come and let Your will be done."