

Psalms Chapter 027 Commentary

A Psalm of David

This chapter is another assurance of our faith and trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ, and a ready sword of defense from that assurance.

Ps 27:1 "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."

David is saying the same thing we are taught in the New Testament in **Heb 13:5 "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."** If we have the assurance of God's salvation manifested in our lives, we can say with David: **"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"**

There are too many scriptures that testify of the assurance of our salvation by God, for us to fear any person or any army. Consider: **Mt 10:25-32; 25 "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? 26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. 27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. 28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."**

The same Jesus that drove the legion of devils out of the Gadarene, can slay all the enemies that revolt against any one of God's people. We are also told in **Jas 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."** That is resist the devil in the power of the Holy Spirit, not your own power.

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."

When we are born again and made a new creature in Christ, we are to be single eyed. What do you mean? We are to be completely focused upon God and living a life that is pleasing in his sight. We are to be desirous of being continually in the New Testament Church fellowship with all of God's people. If we have a need, we should ask for the supply of that need from our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to supply our every need, seen in **Php 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. 20 ¶ Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen."** We would point: our greatest need is to be saved by the grace of God in the eternal perspective, and to be saved daily from our inherited sin nature.

"in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me;" What is the secret of the tabernacle? It is the power of God that was manifested through it, and the place where God had put his name. God was the secret of the tabernacle. For us today, Christ in us is the secret of the tabernacle, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit: Each child of God is a tabernacle where God has chosen to put his name, and his power is manifested in our lives by that Holy Spirit power of Christ in us. It is there we are hidden by the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

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."

How do we know that God will always hear our true prayers? Remember what Jesus said before He raised Lazarus from the dead? ***Joh 11:42 "And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me."*** If God always hears the prayers of Jesus, and you have Christ in you, the Holy Spirit: you can be assured that God hears our prayers through the intercessions of Jesus Christ.

We have scriptural assurance that God will never leave nor forsake us in ***Heb 13:5-6; 5 "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."***

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."

What is the way of the Lord? We are told in ***Joh 14:6-7; 6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him."***

What is the plain path? Plain is defined as straightness, equity, and justice. Path is defined as the well-trodden way. Therefore, we understand that the plain path is the way that Jesus has trod and set down for us to follow in this world of sin and sorrow. In this world we have many enemies, the greatest being our inherited sin nature, which is plagued upon and tempted by the devil. God tells us that Satan is a liar and the father of lies. Therefore, we know who our enemy is, and we also know how he works in ways of subtlety and lies.

We know that Satan is the one who breathes out cruelty, and he manifested this in his attempt to do away with Jesus Christ. The reason we do not faint, when we see the devil tempting us: we know that our Saviour has already overcome Satan and his minions on our behalf. This should strengthen our belief in our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and in his finished work of eternal forgiveness of sins and eternal life for all of God's people.

God demonstrated, the time to stand still in the land of the living, in ***Ex 14:13 "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever."***

Likewise, as children of God, we are commanded to have a ready sword of defense, which is the word of God, seen in ***Eph 6:16 "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"***

Prophetically, Zephaniah tells us that we are waiting on the Lord in ***Zep 3:8 ¶ "Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy."*** This is prophetic of our eternal rescue from sin and Satan, and the eternal damnation of Satan and all who follow him.

Because we have been born again, we are waiting for the appearing of the Lord as seen in ***1Ti 6:13-16; 13 ¶ "I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; 14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."*** We are waiting in hope of the resurrection of our bodies in incorruption and immortality. We are waiting because we know the blessed and only potentate is Jesus, the Christ, who has promised to come again and receive us unto himself.

Wherefore, we can say with David ***"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?"*** Hallelujah! Amen!