

Psalm 27 A Psalm of David

The LORD gives victory

¹ The LORD is the light that enables me to see my way through life because He died on the cross of Calvary to secure my eternal salvation. Since He is my savior and defender, I have no need to fear men or dread what my enemies might do to me. ² When those blood-thirsty men tried to attack me in order to take my life, they experienced utter failure. ³ Even if a large army were to stage an attack against me, I would have no need to be afraid of them, because I know that the LORD will protect me.

I want more than anything else in life to know the LORD

⁴ There is only one thing I want from the LORD, and it is that I may know Him in an intimate, personal relationship as long as I live. I want to see His beautiful face, live with Him, be where He is, and meditate upon His goodness. ⁵ When trouble comes my way, He will snatch me up and provide flawless security for me. In fact, the enemy won't even be able to see me. ⁶ After the LORD rescues me, He will stand me up in the sight of my enemies where I will shout for joy and sing praises to Him with all of my being.

I have sought to know You ~ please don't abandon me now

⁷ LORD, please hear me with great interest when I cry out to You in prayer, and display Your divine grace by answering my plea for help. ⁸ Please do, because when You said, "Seek to know me in a personal, intimate way," my heart answered you by saying, "I will do whatever it takes in order to know You in such an intimate way." ⁹ I have done my best to do that, so please don't hide from me or turn Your back on me in anger. You are my savior and deliverer. You have rescued me in the past, so please don't abandon me now. ¹⁰ My own father and mother have abandoned me, but I truly believe that You will lift me up out of this terrible situation.

LORD, teach me to trust You

¹¹ LORD, please teach me how to live, move, and think like You, then lead me down a smooth path of life as a testimony to my enemies. ¹² A bunch of violent men are telling brutal, slanderous lies about me. Please don't let them be successful at capturing and killing me. ¹³ I really need Your help because I would have given up in despair long ago if I had not been convinced that You will allow me to live so that I can see Your goodness along with all of the others who live and love You. ¹⁴ You who are reading this, be strong in the LORD, and wait patiently for the Him to come to your rescue. Strengthen yourself in the face of danger, and wait patiently for the LORD. He won't let you down.