



**GROWING
THROUGH OUR
CHALLENGES**



TODAY: OVERCOMING FEAR
PSALMS 27

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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?

² When the wicked advance against me to devour^[a] me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

PSALM 27, CONT

- ⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his
dwelling; he will hide me in
the shelter of his sacred
tent and set me high upon
a rock.
- ⁶ Then my head will be
exalted above the enemies
who surround me;

- at his sacred tent I will
sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music
to the LORD.
- ⁷ Hear my voice when I call,
LORD; be merciful to me and
answer me.
- ⁸ My heart says of you, “Seek
his face!” Your face, LORD, I
will seek.
- ⁹ Do not hide your face from
me, do not turn your
servant away in anger;

PSALM 27, CONT.

you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

¹³ I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.



FUN FEAR AND BAD FEAR

FUN FEAR

- Scary movies, scary rides, scaring people
- Adrenalin rush
- Bonding experience
- Giggling
- Minimizing scary things

BAD FEAR

- Loss of control
- Fear of Fear
- Phobias, Unreasonable
- Debilitating, long term
- Isolates and depresses
- Maximizes minor things

DAVID'S CIRCUMSTANCE



- Possibly written for his 3rd anointing, king over all Israel.
- Does the shepherd in him speak? The soldier? The king?
- The perspective of the psalm is victorious. The doubts and fears had been conquered.
- He shows us the way to victory over fear.

WHY DID DAVID HAVE CONFIDENCE? HOW CAN WE OVERCOME OUR FEARS?

- **The victory of faith**
- **The beauty of the Lord**
- **The way of the Lord**



1. THE VICTORY OF FAITH, PSALM 27:1-3

- **The Lord is my light – He enlightens my soul**
- **The Lord is my salvation – He delivers me from trouble**
- **The Lord is my fortress – He protects me from danger**



THE BIBLE SAYS...

“In him (meaning in Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of men” (John 1:4).

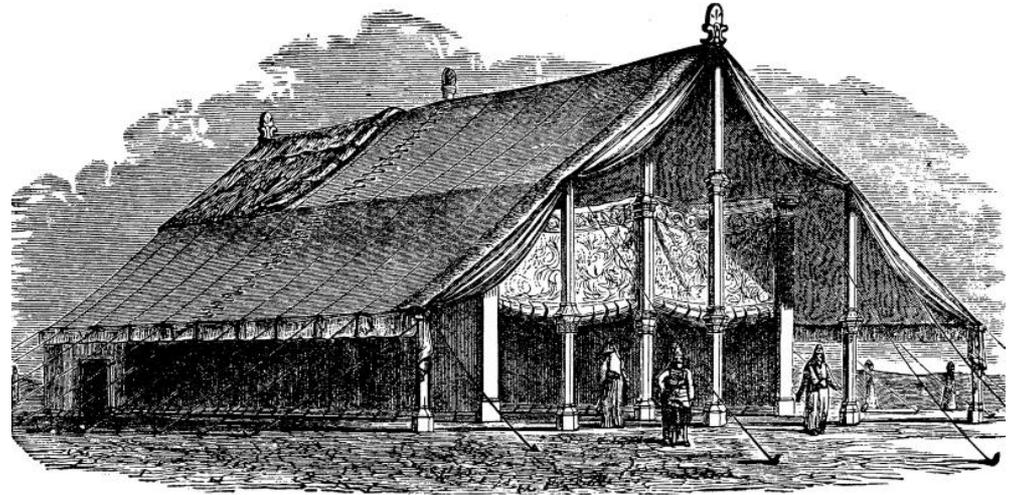
“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5).

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear” (Psalm 46:1-2).



2. THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD, PSALM 27:4-6

**“This only do I seek:
that I may dwell in
the house of the
LORD all the days of
my life, to gaze on
the beauty of the
LORD and to seek
him in his temple.”**



THE TEMPLE (TABERNACLE) : 7 FURNISHINGS

Each of them illustrate some wonderful truth about Christ.

- 1. The Brazen Altar: Christ our Sacrifice**
- 2. The Laver: Christ our Sanctifier**
- 3. The Showbread: Christ the Bread of Life**
- 4. The Candlestick: Christ the Light of the World**
- 5. The Altar of Incense: Christ our Intercessor**
- 6. The Veil: Christ the Incarnate Son of God**
- 7. The Ark of the Covenant: Christ our Lord**

OUR PERSPECTIVE AND GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

