



+ Psalm 27 +

(a Psalm of David)

YHVH is my Light and my Salvation--whom shall I fear or dread? YHVH is the Refuge and Stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, even then, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I asked of YHVH, that will I seek, inquire for, and insistently require; that I may dwell in the House of YHVH, in His Presence, all the days of my life, to behold and gaze upon the beauty, the sweet attractiveness, and the delightful loveliness of YHVH and to meditate, consider, and inquire in His House.

For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His Shelter; in the secret place of His Tent will He hide me; He will set me high upon a Rock.

And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me; in His Tent I will offer sacrifices and shouting of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to YHVH.

Hear, O YHVH, when I cry aloud; have mercy and be gracious to me and answer me!

You have said, Seek My Face, inquire for and require My Presence as your vital need. My heart says to You, Your Face, Your Presence, YHVH, will I seek, inquire for, and require of necessity and on the authority of Your Word.

Hide not Your Face from me; turn not Your servant away in anger, You Who have been my help! Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O YHVH of my salvation!

Although my father and my mother have forsaken me, yet YHVH will take me up, adopt me as His child.

Teach me Your Way, O YHVH, and lead me in a plain and even path because of my enemies, those who lie in wait for me.

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, they breathe out cruelty and violence.

What, what would have become of me had I not believed that I would see YHVH's goodness in the land of the living!

Wait and hope for and expect YHVH; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect YHVH.