

Psalm 27

Psalms 27:1 [New King James] *“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?”*

Fear can envelop us and can ultimately imprison us within ourselves.

Fear can take many forms; rejection, being misunderstood, being uncertain, fear of sickness and death.

How do we conquer any fear, whatever form it takes? This one verse that King David wrote but also lived by can dispel every fear.

Remember the Almighty Creator God can, if we seek Him, be our light and salvation.

Light – a natural figure of speech for everything that is positive, from the truth and goodness, to joy and vitality.

John 1:1-4 [New King James] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”*

Jesus Christ and God’s physical Word, the Christian Bible, are both a light to all humanity but the majority at this time reject both, rather stay in the darkness of deception which is full of fear and pain.

John 8:12 [New King James] *“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.’”*

If we are following what is revealed in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, we are walking in the light, knowing the very reason why we have human physical life.

This will dispel all darkness and fear.

Salvation – the Hebrew word used is “*yêsha*” meaning **deliverance, safety.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11 [New King James] *“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.”*

No human being can contemplate **not existing. We all have this desire to live beyond the grave, all the more as our physical death nears, this causes fear.**

The way to overcome this fear of physical death is to look to the Creator God as our salvation. This is exactly what King David did and he faced death many times in his life.

Such knowledge gives us great strength in our lives to face anything that causes fear.

The Hebrew word translated “strength” is “*mâ’ûz*” meaning a fortified place, a stronghold to protect us from our enemies.

Psalms 27:2-3 [New King James] *“When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.”*

All this had happened in the life of King David, yet because he looked to the Creator God as the light and salvation of his life he did not fear.

Psalms 27:4 [New King James] *“One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I 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 inquire in His temple.”*

This was not an ambition to be a priest or Levite working in the temple, but to enjoy the constant presence of the Creator God in his life, which is typified by the life of a priest or Levite.

John 14:15-18 [New King James] *“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”*

We can experience this constant presence of the Creator God in our lives if we also love Him and keep the commandments found in His Word, the Christian Bible.

Psalms 27:5 [New King James] *“For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His **pavilion**; in the **secret place** of His **tabernacle** He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.”*

Pavilion, secret place, and tabernacle, all refer to the dwelling place of the Creator God. Secret place because it is within the unseen spiritual realm that our protection is found.

Matthew 18:10 [New King James] *“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.”*

I have faced situations where my guardian angel has saved me out of a death situation, especially when I was a pilot in the RAF. The spirit world is very present in our lives.

Matthew 7:24-25 [New King James] *“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.”*

That “rock” is Jesus Christ, [**1 Corinthians 10:1-4**].

Psalms 27:6 [New King James] *“And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.”*

Our response to this knowledge should be a life that is constantly praising the Creator God and offering our life back to Him to use as He desires, [Romans 12:1**].**

Psalms 27:7-10 [New King James] *“Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When You said, ‘Seek My face,’ My heart said to You, ‘Your face, LORD, I will seek.’ Do not hide Your face from me; do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take care of me.”*

To “seek God’s face” means to seek His character, even physically a person’s character can be seen through the expressions on their face.

Many people have had the sad experience of being forsaken by father or mother in divorce or broken homes because of a difference of religious or political belief.

Addiction to drugs and alcohol, even psychological isolation can leave children crippled by the loss.

Even in adulthood this pain can linger.

The Creator God can take and fill this void left in our lives, and can heal the hurt, His love for us individually is sufficient for all our needs, [Deuteronomy 31:6-8; Joshua 1:5].

Psalms 27:11 [New King James] *“Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.”*

King David not only worshipped the Creator God by seeking His face, to reflect His character, but also was a pilgrim committed to living His way, knowing that every step would be contested in a world that did not worship the True Creator God.

We live in a similar society today.

Psalms 27: 12 [New King James] *“Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.”*

The Hebrew word translated “smooth” is “mîyshôr” meaning straight, equity, just, uprightness.

Not referring to a comfortable life but one of sure progress both physical and spiritual.

The enemies referred to are watching, willing that we trip up on this way of life that is so different to theirs.

These enemies will tell lies about us and even use violence to divert us from the way that our Creator God has shown us that we should live.

Psalms 27:13-14 [New King James] *“I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. **Wait on the LORD;** be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!”*

Believe in all that the Creator God promises in His Word, the Christian Bible, then wait for Him to act on our behalf.

Waiting is a very difficult thing to do, yet it is only through waiting on the Creator God that we can develop patience which is an essential characteristic of anyone whom God desires to use in His work now and after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 5:22-25 [New King James] *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **longsuffering,** kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”*

“Long suffering” is one of the “fruits” of an active indwelling Holy Spirit in our lives now and in the future.

Every person who has been used by the Creator God has been given the blessing of an active indwelling Holy Spirit in their lives.

John 14:17 [New King James] *“the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”*

At first the Holy Spirit works “with” us, preparing us to become a “spirit filled” Christian, [John 16:8] then, if we allow Him, enter into our lives, “in us” and direct our lives as we follow Him.

Galatians 5:25-26 [New King James] *“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”*

Only then will these essential characteristics of the Creator God, “fruits” of the Holy Spirit [verses 22-23] develop in us.

Without these characteristics there will be no place for us to be in the Created Family of God, the Kingdom of God, [Revelation 21:7-8; Revelation 22:14-15].

1 Corinthians 15:50 [New King James] *“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.”*

Human nature, flesh and blood but also those driven by physical human desire will not be in the Creator God’s spiritual Kingdom.

John 3:3-8 [New King James] *“Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ Nicodemus said to Him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.” The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.’”*

This is why Jesus Christ told Nicodemus he had to be “born again” of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 6:1-13 [New King James] *“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”*

Paul also told the Church at Rome, and all true Christians, that our old human attitude to life has to be “crucified,” put to death, that we can then be born again of the Holy Spirit.

All this depends on belief in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, and waiting on the Creator God to give us the Holy Spirit to direct our lives.