

Be Restored in '24: Power

Psalm 27:1-14

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Psalm 27:1 Of David. 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 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. 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; 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. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church, and Community

1. _____ fear

Contextual _____: The Lord is my light and my Savior. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the protector of my life. Why should I cower in fear? Psalm 27:1 (JOT)

_____ hope: When I am surrounded and battle lines are clear, my heart shall not be overwhelmed with fear. If war is on the horizon and strife at every turn, I will continue to hope for God's help! Psalm 27:3 (JOT)

2. _____ a greater sense of God's power

_____ : My singular request and the one thing I seek: to dwell in the house of my Lord all the days of my life; to see in my life the things that give him pleasure; and to minister to his people.

Psalm 27:4 (JOT)

_____ to praise: And now my head will be lifted up higher than my haters who are round me: because of this I will make offerings of joy in his tent; I will make a song, truly I will make a song of praise to the Lord. O Lord, let the voice of my cry come to your ears: have mercy on me, and give me an answer. Psalm 27:6-7 (BBE)

_____ to follow: You say to my heart, "Come seek my face and share with me!" I listen and I seek your presence...do not forsake me...God you are my Savior...direct me to your ways and lead me to the right path because the enemy is all around me! Psalm 27:8,9b,11 (JOT)

3. _____ strength in the most difficult moments

_____ -filled: I continue to believe I will see the good hand of God in this present moment, despite the problems I am facing! Stay with the Lord! Have courage! Your heart will be stout and strong if you stay with the Lord! Psalm 27:13-14 (JOT)

Spiritual Action Step:

How will you open your life to receive God's power? Where do you need to refocus your commitment to follow God? Where does the Spirit encourage you to seek God's presence? The Apostle Paul said: *Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.* (Ephesians 3:20, NLT) God came in Jesus Christ to give us a genuine and lasting strength, to be transformed by his grace. However, our hearts are restless and drawn to the crooked paths of our own wills. Invite the blessing of God's fullness into your life through Jesus Christ! This week read Psalm 27, and Ephesians 6:10-24 to allow the power of God to fill you will hope, courage, and faith!