

PSALM 27:1-14

CHAPTER STUDIES ON THE PSALTER

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Psalm 27:1-14 (Ps. 27:1) The LORD is my light and my salvation. Personal interest, my light and my salvation. The soul is assured and boldly declares, **My light.** Divine light is poured into the soul as the precursor of salvation. Where there is not enough light to see our darkness there is no evidence of salvation. Salvation finds us in the dark, but it does not leave us there. It gives light to those who sit in the valley of the shadow of death. After conversion, God is our joy, comfort, guide, teacher, and in every sense our light. He is light within, light around, light reflected, and light to be revealed. It is not said that the Lord gives light, but that He is light; not that He gives salvation, but that He is salvation. Those who by faith have laid hold on God have all the covenant blessings.

Whom shall I fear? This is a question that is its own answer. The powers of darkness are not to be feared for the Lord, our light, destroys them. The damnation of hell is not to be dreaded for the Lord is our salvation. This is a far different challenge from that of boastful Goliath (1 Sam. 17:8-10). It is based on a different foundation. It rests not on the conceited vigor of an arm of flesh but on the real power of the omnipotent I AM.

The LORD is the strength of my life.

Here is a third glowing quality. It shows that the writer's hope was fastened with a threefold cord that is not quickly broken (Eccl. 4:12). We may well accumulate praise where the Lord lavishes deeds of grace. Our life derives all strength from Him who is its author. If He makes us strong, all the machinations of the adversary cannot weaken us.

Of whom shall I be afraid? This bold question looks into the present and the future. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31)—either now or in time to come!

(Ps. 27:5) He shall set me up upon a rock. Immutability, eternity, and infinite power comes to the aid of sovereignty and sacrifice. Blessed are those whom God sets on an impregnable rock that can never be stormed! Well may we desire to dwell with the Lord, who so effectively protects His people.

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Although an army will go against David, he is confident (Ps. 27:3) the Lord will hide him in his pavilion (Ps. 27:5). **Where is David's hiding place?** 1 Kings 2:28-29