

Highlights from the Psalms

Psalm 27

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INTRO: The Psalms are intensely practical and honest from the perspective of the writer. They deal with the challenges of life and the privilege of worship. David, in particular, bears his heart and soul as he shares his experiences and his walk with God. Psalm 27 is about facing life's difficulties and trials and gives us a strategy for triumph over them.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones outlines the strategy of Psalm 27 and describes the three stanzas as beginning in the heavenlies, walking in the midst of trials, and standing firmly in the Lord.

I. **Beginning in the Heavenlies: My Light and my Salvation (vv. 1-6)**

- A. As we seek the Lord He illumines our path and saves us from oppression.
- B. Because God is our light and salvation we have no need to fear
 - 1. The Lord is the defense of my life, whom shall I dread?
 - 2. When adversaries and enemies come against us they will stumble and fall
 - 3. Even if a host encamps against me and war rises to defeat me, in spite of this we can be confident
- C. One Thing I Have Asked from the Lord:
 - 1. That I may dwell in the house of the Lord forever, to behold His beauty and meditate in His Tabernacle
 - 2. For He will conceal me in His Tabernacle and lift me up upon a rock
 - 3. I will offer in His tent shouts of joy and sing praises to the Lord

II. **Walking in the Midst of Trials: Hear O Lord When I Cry with My Voice (vv.7-12)**

- A. In the midst of trials, cry out to the Lord
- B. When God says, "Seek My Face," Your face O Lord I will seek
- C. Do not abandon me in anger, You have been my help
- D. Even my father and mother will fail me, but You will uphold me
- E. Teach me Your way, lead me in a level path, do not deliver me to my Enemies

III. **Standing in the Lord: Waiting Upon God (vv. 13-14)**

- A. I would have despaired unless I believed I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living
- B. Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait from the Lord