



**NO
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gODS**

— *30 Days of Worship* —

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READ

Psalm 27

¹ 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 evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,*

my adversaries and foes,

it is they who stumble and fall.

*³ Though an army encamp against
me,*

my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me,

yet I will be confident.

*⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:*

*that I may dwell in the house of the
Lord*

all the days of my life,

*to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.*

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter

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*in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover
of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.*

REFLECT

David is expressing his confidence in the Lord. God is light, salvation and protection. These three things address our fears: when we are in complete darkness, even a pinprick of light brings hope and comfort. When our sinful hearts accuse us, we need to experience the salvation of the Lord. And when battles begins to rage around us, we need to go to a safe place where we feel protected. What are you experiencing that has you searching for light, crying out for rescue, or makes you feel like going into hiding? Notice the secret of David's confidence in verse 4.

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It is found in communion with God, in worshiping him and fixing his gaze on God alone. Only in an intimate relationship with the Father can our fears be stilled and our confidence remain firm when under any attack.

How regularly do you stop to soak in the Lord's presence and let Jesus look deeply and speak to your soul?

Molech is the false god that preys upon our fears, stirs them up, and deceives us into thinking that we must sacrifice something for our own good, or to temper God's wrath.

So often this manifests itself as the fear of disappointing other people, and we sacrifice honesty and vulnerability in order to "appear" to be what others want, need or expect us to be.

Maybe we fear failure, so we procrastinate. Whatever task we have before us can never be

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judged as a failure if it is never completed, or must be completed in a rush.

What is it that you are worried about? In what ways are you procrastinating or living in constant fear of disappointing others?

RESPOND

If you are grasping for confidence in anything but God himself, repent of it right now. Stand up. Name the things that you fear, the people you are striving to please the things that are stressing you, anything you are putting off or avoiding, and anything that is worrying you. Now, turn around, face the other direction, and walk away from those things.

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Talk to God about your desire to serve him alone. Ask him to give you a proper perspective of your need for him, and to show you how to intimately connect with him like David did. Ask him to be your confidence in all the things from which you walked away.

If you have the time, listen to the song below and worship the Lord.

<https://tinyurl.com/y698lxn6>

Challenge yourself to engage in a different posture than normal. Get your whole body involved, and worship the Lord freely and without inhibition. Maybe you want to dance, or bow down, or just lie flat out on your face. However you express your heart, allow your whole body to be part of the experience.