CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024

ANSWERS

Unshakeable Confidence: Embracing God's Presence The Study of Psalm 27

1. How does David describe the Lord in verse 1?

ANSWER: David describes the Lord as his **light**, **salvation**, and **stronghold**, conveying a sense of safety and security.

- Light represents guidance, hope, and safety. It implies that God dispels darkness and confusion.
- Salvation indicates God as the deliverer from danger, suggesting trust in divine rescue.
- Stronghold conveys security and defense, implying that God provides a place of refuge from enemies.
- David experiences God's presence and protection.

2. How does David's statement in verse 1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation," impact his approach to fear?

ANSWER: David identifies the Lord as both his light (guidance and hope) and his salvation (deliverance). This trust in God's character and power gives David the confidence not to fear, despite being surrounded by enemies. It shows his faith in God as a constant, protective presence, even in threatening situations.

David expresses that he <u>will not</u> **fear** even when faced with adversaries or war, indicating his unwavering trust in God.

This phrase "The Lord is my light and salvation" means that God provides guidance (light) and deliverance (salvation) in dark and challenging times. The psalmist sees God as a beacon of hope and safety.

3. Who is the "light" and "salvation" mentioned in verse 1?

ANSWER: The Lord

4. In verse 1, what does David say he will not be because of the Lord?

ANSWER: Afraid

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5. What does David say he will not be afraid of in verses 2-3?

ANSWER: Wicked, enemies, foes, host encamping around him, nor war.

6. How can the level of confidence shared in verses 2-3 apply to your life?

ANSWER: David displays the type of confidence in God that inspires individuals to trust God in their personal encounters (trials, experiences), encourage a sense of peace.

7. In verse 3, Why does David mention the army encamping against him and still not fear?

ANSWER: David mentions a threatening army to emphasize that his trust in God surpasses even the most extreme dangers. The presence of an army is a metaphor for overwhelming challenges, yet David's faith enables him to maintain peace and courage.

8. "One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:" What is David seeking in verse 4?

ANSWER: To dwell in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

This highlights the importance of worship and intimacy with God.

David expressed his faith through music, poetry, and prayer, and in the Psalms.

- David soothed Saul by playing the harp (I Samuel 16:14-23).
- David danced in the streets worshipping the Lord and praising God for the return of the Ark of the Covenant (2 Samuel 6:14-22).

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9. What is the significance of David's desire to dwell in the house of the Lord all his life in verse 4?

Answer: David's desire to dwell in the house of the Lord shows his longing for intimacy with God and the sense of security that comes from being in God's presence. It indicates that for David, being close to God is more important than any material blessing or victory over his enemies.

This reveals that David's greatest desire is intimate fellowship with God. Despite being a warrior and king, his foremost priority is spiritual rather than material or political. Seeking God's presence reflects his heart's true longing for communion with the Divine rather than just deliverance from external threats.

10. What does verse 4 say about David's priorities and values?

Answer: David values God above all else, focusing on spiritual fellowship rather than earthly gains. His priority is worship, reflecting his belief that true peace and fulfillment are found in God's presence rather than in human achievement or security.