

A Fearful Worshipper

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SUMMER
— IN THE —
Psalms

Open: In what ways do you see fear operating in our current culture?

Read & Discuss: Psalm 27:1-6.

1. How would you describe the purpose of David's questions in verse 1? How does reminding ourselves of truths about God combat fear? What other biblical truths help you when you are afraid?
2. What does David mean when he says that he wants to "dwell in the house of the Lord" (v. 4)? How would you go about "gazing at the beauty of the Lord"? How would these habits help you to overcome fear?
3. In verse 5 and 6 David seems to adopt a great sense of optimism that God will come through. What reasons do we have for being optimistic that God will deliver us from our adversaries or help us in our times of trial? What is David's anticipated response to the deliverance that he eagerly awaits (v. 6)? At what point should this joy come? Why?

Read & Discuss: Psalm 27:7-14

4. In verses 7-12, David moves into prayer. How would you characterize the feelings of David's heart as he prays? What stands out to about the way that David prays? How would you characterize your prayers when you are in dire circumstances?
5. What specific requests does David make of God in verses 9-12? Why would praying for intimacy with God be an appropriate response to fear? How do you experience increased intimacy with God?
6. What evidence is there in verses 13 and 14 that David operated in faith that God would answer his prayer? How would you paraphrase the prescription David gives in verse 14? How are patience and trust the opposite of fear?

Apply: What fears of yours could be helped by promises from God's Word? How will David's prayer help to shape your own prayers? What will you do to wait well for God's deliverance?

Pray: Pray for one another. Ask God to deliver His people from their fears. Ask God to increase our trust as His children. Ask God for the blessing of greater intimacy with Him.

Psalm 27. *Of David.*

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

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,

"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

⁹ Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall look upon
the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD! (ESV)