

LESSONS FROM PSALMS TWENTY-SEVEN

Scripture: Psalm 27:1-14

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Introduction: This is a Psalm of David that seems to parallel the lives of God's people in all generations. David was UP; then he was DOWN. But God was always in his mind and in his plans.

- I. LEARN THAT PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD GIVES BOLDNESS IN TIMES OF TROUBLE. vs. 1-3
 - A. In the past when the wicked sought to destroy me, they stumbled and fell. v.2
 - B. Now, in the present the Lord is: My Light...My Salvation...whom shall I fear. My Strength...of whom shall I be afraid. v. 1
 - C. The determined future...I shall not fear. I will be confident. v.3
 - D. Paul said, "I know WHOM I have believed and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him."
 - E. Let troubles come ...Our God is greater than all our troubles.

- II. LEARN THAT A PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD GENERATES A CONSUMING CONFIDENT DESIRE. vs. 4-6a
 - A. The consuming desire is "That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."
 1. It is there I behold the beauty of the Lord.
 2. It is there I am able to inquire of Him in His temple. v. 4
 - B. vs. 5,6a Our confidence comes in knowing:
 1. That the Lord will hide me in time of trouble
 - a. In His pavilion
 - b. In the secret of His tabernacle.
 2. He shall set me upon a Rock.
 3. He shall lift up my head above my enemies.

- III. LEARN WHAT IS THE EXPECTED RESPONSE TO THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD. v.6b
 - A. Because of His blessings, I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle.
 1. I will be present in the services at His house.
 2. I will offer sacrifices of joy ...praise.
 - B. Because of His blessings I will sing praises unto the Lord....where ever I may be.

- IV. LEARN WHAT IS THE WAY TO DEAL WITH TIMES OF DEPRESSION AND TESTINGS. vs. 7-12
 - A. Not to get angry with God ...blame Him or ignore Him.
 - B. Remember that the Lord has instructed us to seek His face. Seek an audience with the Lord.
 - C. Cry out unto the Lord. v.7
 1. Ask for mercy
 2. ask for an answer—but in patience wait for the answer
 3. Plead with God not to hide His face from us not to forsake us not to put us away.
 4. Recognize God as our only help in past trouble
 5. Recognize that the Lord will take us up even if our parents forsake us.
 - D. Ask the Lord to TEACH us in His way. v.11
 - E. Ask the Lord to lead us in PLAIN paths. v. 11
 - F. Ask the Lord not to deliver us over to the enemies. v.12

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- V. LEARN THAT HOPE GIVES STRENGTH TO KEEP ON KEEPING ON. vs. 13,14
- A. David said, " If it had not been for my believing I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living, I would have given up." Hope keeps God's people going in the face of all our troubles...problems...temptations. v.13
 - B. v.14 This hope also kept me witnessing to others...encouraging them to:
 - 1. Be of good courage
 - 2. to wait on the Lord
 - 3. Assuring them that God would strengthen their hearts.
 - 4. To wait on the Lord ...God always the right thing at the right time ...wait on HIM.