

Fighting Fear
Psalm 27:1-6

Last Sunday: The Conclusion of John, “You follow me.”

Today: Psalm 27, Fighting Fear

Outline:

- 27:1-3, Confidence in the Lord in the Midst of Danger
- 27:4-6, The Lord, Our Source of Security
- 27:7-14, Prayer for Help (Next week)

27:1 “The Lord is my light...” What does light do according to Scripture?

1. Light saves
 - a. Is. 49:6, “I will make you *a light* for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”
2. Light reveals truth (“shed some light on this”):
 - a. Ps. 36:9, “For with you is the fountain of life; in *your light* do we see *light*.”
 - i. Truth about the Lord (Is. 6:3, Mt. 28:20)
 - ii. Truth about ourselves (Ps. 139:13-14, Jer. 17:9)
 - iii. Truth about who we are now in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17, Phil. 4:13)
 - iv. Truth about the path we should walk (Ps. 23:3, Ps. 32:8, Eph. 4:17-18)

27:1 “Of whom shall I be afraid?”

- Ps. 118:6, “The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”
- Is. 2:22, “Stop regarding man whose breath of life is in his nostrils. For on what account is he?”
- Rom. 8:30-31, “What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, freely give us all things?”

“Behold you are on the raging sea of this world in storm and danger, not knowing if you will safely reach the harbor of salvation. You should know that all who confess and **IN PENANCE** put alms into the coffer ... will obtain **complete remission** of all their sins ... Why are you then standing there? Run for the salvation of your souls! ... Don’t you hear the voices of your wailing dead parents and others who say, ‘Have mercy upon me, have mercy upon me, because we are in severe punishment and pain. From this you could redeem us with a small alms and yet you do not want to do so.’ Open your ears as the father says to the son and the mother to the daughter ... ‘We have created you, fed you, cared for you, and left you our temporal goods. Why then are you so cruel and harsh that you do not want to save us, though it only takes so little? You let us lie in flames so that we only slowly come to the promised glory.’” -Johann Tetzel, *A Sample Sermon* (Hilderbrand, 1964: 41 –43).

27:3/ “Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.”

Spurgeon, “Let them come on. They fell before—they will fall again ... God was strong enough to meet them and overthrow them once. He will do it again. Therefore, why should we fear? Ah! dear brethren, those who have had the most experience of the divine fullness will rest most confident that nothing can harm them.”

Fighting Fear?

Dr. Jim Allman, “What God has done in the past is a model and a promise of what He’ll do in the future. If God provided my needs this month, then I can count on Him next month. God will test you uniquely according to the need that you have and according to the purpose that God has for you. He will test you uniquely, but He will test you. And you need to know desperately, *you desperately need to know what God has done in the past.* **It’s both a model and a promise** of what He will do in the future, though He’s too creative to do the same thing the same way every time.”