

David's Prayer for Help  
Psalm 27:7-14

Last Sunday: Fighting Fear (the first half of Psalm 27)

Today: Part two of Psalm 27 – David's Prayer for Help

Outline:

- 27:7-10 – David the worshipper cries out for the Lord's power and presence.
- 27:11-12 – David the pilgrim cries out for the Lord's guidance and deliverance.
- 27:13-14 – David the encourager cries out to the reader to trust the Lord and wait for him.

27:7 – “Be gracious to me and answer me.”

Gracious נָנִיב – “*To bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior.*”

God is under no obligation to help us. If he is under obligation, it is no longer grace!

Rom. 11:6 – “If it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.”

27:9 – “Turn not your servant away in anger.”

Anger: נָסַח – defined as nose or nostrils.

Gen. 2:7 – “The Lord God...breathed into his **nostrils** the breath of life.”

- What part of the face is most noticeable when getting angry? The nose; it gets red or hot.
- Hebrew: “The Lord is “slow to anger” – literally, the Lord is “*long of nose...*”
- Ex. 34:6 – “The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger (long of nose), and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...’”

27:9 – “Cast me not off; forsake me not.”

David prays the Lord would not forsake him. Didn't he know better than this?

David reminds the Lord of his promises, who loves to hear his word spoken back to him.

- Ps. 138:2 – “You have exalted **above all things** your name and your word.”
- Is. 62:6-7 – “You who put the Lord in remembrance, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.”

27:12 – “Give me not up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me.”

David had many troubles from people, especially from people closest to him who lied about him.

- 1 Sam. 16 – David's father does not call him in from taking care of the sheep?

- 1 Sam. 17:- David's brother questions his character when he goes to fight Goliath.  
 "Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, 'Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle'" (1 Sam. 17:28).
- 1 Sam. 18 – David's mentor, King Saul, turns against him and tries to kill him (for 10 years!)
  - "No one discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse. None of you is sorry for me or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day" (1 Sam. 22:8).
- 1 Sam. 19 – David's wife Michal lies about David to King Saul.
  - "Saul said to Michal, 'Why have you deceived me thus and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?' And Michal answered Saul, 'He said to me, 'Let me go. Why should I kill you?'" (1 Sam. 19:17).
- 2 Sam. 3 – David's general Joab won't follow David's commands.
- 2 Sam. 13 – David's oldest son, Amnon, rapes David's daughter.
- 2 Sam. 15 – David's son Absalom tries to steal the kingdom.
  - "Absalom would say to him, 'See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you.' Then Absalom would say, 'Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice'" (2 Sam. 15:3-4).
- 2 Sam. 15 – David's chief counselor abandons him.
  - "It was told David, 'Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom'" (2 Sam. 15:31).