

Psalm 27

v1 - the LORD	(proper noun)	the personal name of God
v1 - salvation	(noun)	the action of saving someone from trouble; something that saves you from trouble
v1 - stronghold	(noun)	a place that provides protection when enemies attack
v2 - evil	(adjective)	against God
v2 - advance	(verb)	move forward to attack someone
v2 - devour	(verb)	eat up completely; destroy
v2 - flesh	(noun)	body; soft parts of the body
v2 - foes	(noun)	enemies
v2 - stumble	(verb)	put your foot down awkwardly so that you nearly fall down
v3 - besiege	(verb)	surround a place and wait for the people there to stop fighting
v4 - dwell	(verb)	live in
v4 - gaze at	(verb)	look at something for a long time
v4 - temple	(noun)	the place in Jerusalem that symbolised God's presence with his people, Israel, and where sacrifices were offered to God
v5 - dwelling	(noun)	the place where someone lives
v5 - tabernacle	(noun)	the tent that symbolised God's presence with his people, Israel, and where sacrifices were offered to God before the temple was constructed
v6 - exalted	(adjective)	lifted high; honoured
v6 - surround	(verb)	move around something so that you are in positions all around it
v6 - sacrifice	(verb)	kill an animal and burn it on an altar as an act of worship to God
v6 - joy	(noun)	great happiness
v7 - merciful	(adjective)	showing kindness to someone by not giving them the punishment they deserve
v8 - seek	(verb)	look for
v9 - forsake	(verb)	abandon
v11 - oppressors	(noun)	people who treat another group unfairly and unkindly
v12 - witnesses	(noun)	people who see an event happen and then tell others about it

Psalm 27 (New International Reader's Version)

A psalm of David.

¹The LORD is my light, and he saves me.
Why should I fear anyone?

The LORD is my place of safety.
Why should I be afraid?

²My enemies are evil.
They will trip and fall

when they attack me
and try to swallow me up.

³Even if an army attacks me,
my heart will not be afraid.

Even if war breaks out against me,
I will still trust in God.

⁴I'm asking the LORD for only one thing.
Here is what I want.

I want to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life.

I want to look at the beauty of the LORD.
I want to worship him in his temple.

⁵When I'm in trouble,
he will keep me safe in his house.

He will hide me in the safety of his holy tent.
He will put me on a rock that is very high.

⁶Then I will win the battle
over my enemies who are all around me.

At his holy tent I will offer my sacrifice with shouts of joy.
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷LORD, hear my voice when I call out to you.
Treat me with kindness and answer me.

⁸My heart says, "Seek him!"
LORD, I will seek you.

⁹Don't turn your face away from me.
Don't turn me away because you are angry.
You have helped me.

God my Savior, don't say no to me.
Don't desert me.

¹⁰My father and mother may desert me,
but the LORD will accept me.

¹¹LORD, teach me your ways.
Lead me along a straight path.

There are many people who treat me badly.

¹²My enemies want to harm me. So don't turn me over to them.
Witnesses who tell lies are rising up against me.

They say all sorts of evil things about me.

¹³Here is something I am still sure of.
I will see the LORD's goodness
while I'm still alive.

¹⁴Wait for the LORD.
Be strong and don't lose hope.
Wait for the LORD.

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