

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**PSALMS-LESSON 8**  
**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2–NOVEMBER 7**  
**PSALM 27**  
**MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION**  
**CONFIDENCE IN THE MIDST OF THREATS**

Like the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm we studied last week, **Psalm 27** is another one of the best loved and best-known chapters of the Psalter. **Psalm 27** provides great comfort, encouragement and great instruction in navigating the ups and downs of life.

In **Psalm 27:1-6**, David exudes great confidence in the unwavering protection and provision of the Lord. Then, in great contrast, David turns from confidence to cries for God to answer his prayers in **Psalm 27:7-14**.

“What we have here is an unfolding of two closely related moods by the same inspired author, put together like two movements of a Symphony. And the point is that these two apparently opposing moods are also often in us, frequently at the same time or at nearly the same time. Don't you find that you are often both confident and anxious, trusting and fearful, or at least that your mood swings easily from one to the other?”

An Expository Commentary Psalms Vol. 1, pg, 238, James Montgomery Boice.

We all experience those sometimes-dramatic mood swings between confident joy and trust to doubt, anxiety and fear. Ask God to use this Psalm to grow you in a patient, confident trust as we learn to wait on the Lord.

**Read Psalm 27:1-6. Great Confidence in Yahweh's Protection and Provision.**

1. In **Psalm 27:1a**, David confidently begins with “*the Lord is my light.*” How do the following verses help to understand the significance and the blessing that the Lord is my light?
  - **Psalm 18:28**
  - **John 1:3-10**
  - **1 John 1:5**
2. From **verse 1**, what do David's rhetorical questions convey about God?
3. In **Psalm 27:2-3**, what threatened David and how did he respond? How does the truth of **Proverbs 18:10** and **Romans 8:31** further strengthen your confidence in the Lord?
4. God provided faithful protection and care for David in **verse 1-3**. David responds by pouring out an expression of worship, praise and a longing to be in God's presence in **Psalm 27:4-6**. What is the one thing David desires most (**vs.4**)?
5. Dwelling in the house of the Lord refers to David's desire day by day to experience the goodness of God's presence. More than anything else, David wanted God Himself; to worship and adore Him. Is there anything in your life that has taken priority over your desiring to spend time with God? If so, what will you change to make desiring God your highest priority?

## **Read Psalm 27:7-12. David Asks God For Protection, Help and Guidance**

Beginning in **Psalm 27:7**, David abruptly changes from confidence and worship to prayer and entreaty.

6. What does David pray in the following verses:

- **27:7**
  
- **27:9**
  
- **27:11**
  
- **27:12**

7. Which of the prayers of David in question 6 above do you find most helpful when encountering difficulties and personal attacks? Why?

## **Read Psalm 27:13-14. David Concludes with Confident Faith to Wait Upon the Lord.**

8. What is David's confident conclusion in **Psalm 27:13**?

9. From **verse 14**, when God delays or denies answer to our prayers how are we to respond?

10. As you wait on the Lord, what additional encouragement do you find in the following verses:

- **Psalm 25:3**
  
- **Isaiah 40:31**
  
- **Romans 8:28**

In his providence, God orchestrates every event in life—even suffering, temptation, and sin—to accomplish both our temporal and eternal benefit. [MacArthur Study Bible](#), footnote, Rom. 8:28

11. What challenges, opposition or hardships are you now encountering where you are asking God to strengthen and deepen your trust in Him while you wait on the Lord?