



# STORM SHELTER

## A STUDY IN PSALMS

### THE SHELTER OF GOD'S SALVATION

**BIG IDEA:** God Himself is my light, my salvation and my stronghold.

**DATE:** Sunday, August 24, 2025

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 27:1-6

### OPENING QUESTION

When did you first taste that independence or feel “on your own”? (driver’s license, first car, going off to college, first job, first house?)

As much as we want to go it alone, we never reach a point where we don’t need others. For all our efforts to gain independence in the world, there’s one thing that holds us captive: our own sinful nature. While we are busy trying to gain our own place in the world, God has already given us His Son so that we can come back to the place He intended for us to be all along: secure and loved under His rule.

### THE SETTING

Some Bible scholars believe Psalm 27 comes from the time of Absalom’s rebellion when David had to flee Jerusalem. In any case, this portion of the psalm reflects David’s great confidence in God and the high priority he placed on worshiping God in His house. Whether fleeing from Absalom or another threat, or securely entrenched in Jerusalem, David’s great desire was to worship the Lord and gaze on His beauty “in His temple”.

### SCRIPTURE READING

#### PSALM 27:1-6 (NIV)

Now the LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. <sup>6</sup> Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

## DISCUSSION

### READ PSALM 27:1

As David began this psalm, he identified God in three ways: his light, his salvation, and the stronghold of his life. God's presence in David's life in those ways meant something else was removed: his fear.

- In what kinds of situations do you often feel afraid?

### READ Psalm 27:2-3

- What are some similarities and differences between self-confidence and confidence in God?
- What are some positive and negative ways to face our foes?

Our confidence in Christ doesn't mean we should lightly dismiss our foes. A quick trip through the Bible reminds us that we have a spiritual enemy who is real and must be faced and dealt with. But a review of the whole of scripture also shows us that God is the main character of the story. And His story is also our story. He is active in saving us, and He wants us to enjoy a renewed relationship with Him.

### READ PSALM 27:4-6

- What's the "one thing" you want out of life? We all want something-some achievement or milestone that stands out in our minds. (fulfill a childhood dream, work in a certain career, find a spouse or an ideal family, etc.)
- Many of us look at this "one thing" as the answer to *all* of our problems and the hope for *all* of our joy. Will these accomplishments bring real security?
- David decided to ask God for one thing that would keep him secure. What was it?
- How can we connect David's expressions of worship to our daily lives?

## SUMMARIZE & CHALLENGE

The gospel message that Jesus Christ died on the cross in our place for our sins is an amazing truth. He did not arrive on the earth simply to be a good example or to help make us the most moral people around. He is our light, our stronghold, and our salvation.

**Live it Out:** Consider the following suggestions for responding to the truth that God Himself is your salvation:

- **Accept the Savior.** Trust Jesus Christ. Let His salvation give you the freedom, confidence, and security nothing else can.
- **Surrender your fears.** Make a list of circumstances that cause you to feel worried or afraid. Talk with God about your list through prayer and then throw it away.
- **Share your faith.** Your friends and family have the same need for security and freedom from fear. Share with them the confidence and security you have found in Christ.