

Trust in Troubling Times

Psalm 27

Introduction

This is a song of confident hope. It is a psalm of determined resolve. It speaks of *trust in troubling times*. King David provides for us a critical analysis of how, faced with those who want to destroy him he can say, “yet will I be confident” (v3).

How is that possible? Here’s how...

- I. Confidence in the Lord’s *Strength* (vv1-3)
- II. Confidence in the Lord’s *Presence* (vv4-6)
- III. Confiding with the Lord in *Prayer* (vv7-10)
- IV. Confidence in the Lord’s *Guidance* (vv11-12)
- V. Confidence in the Lord’s *Goodness* (v13)

I. Confidence in the Lord’s *Strength* (vv1-3)

Depending on the unlimited strength of the Lord to deliver you from attack.

“The Lord is the stronghold of my life.” v1

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?” Jeremiah 32:27

Jeremiah 32:17

“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26

II. Confidence in the Lord’s *Presence* (vv4-6)

Desiring closeness and safety with the Lord in the shelter of His presence.

King David places his unwavering confidence in the pleasure and safety of the presence of the Lord.

Psalm 73:28

Psalm 65:4

Who can dwell with the Lord? Who is welcome in His tent? Who is fit to be in His presence?

James 4:8

Isaiah 57:15

Hebrews 10:19-22

III. Confiding with the Lord in *Prayer* (vv7-10)

Disclosing your most personal, intimate matters with the Lord in whom you trust.

“The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” Psalm 145:18

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18

2 Kings 22:19

You are His very own specially chosen, blood-bought child. He will never leave you or forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5-6

Psalm 118:5-9

IV. Confidence in the Lord’s *Guidance* (vv11-12)

Determining the way you should take from the directions the Lord provides in His Word.

If we would have the Lord hear our voice in prayer, we must hear His voice in Scripture, *and follow Him!*

Psalm 25:4-5

Psalm 25:8-9

“Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.” Psalm 86:11

“Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.”

Psalm 5:8

Psalm 119:68

V. Confidence in the Lord’s *Goodness* (v13)

Discovering the God of all goodness and resting in the sovereignty and wisdom of His providence.

“that perfection of God which prompts Him to deal bountifully and kindly with all His creatures.” Berkhof

God *only* is good

Mark 10:17-18

Romans 3:12

God’s goodness is extended to all (*common grace*)

“The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.” Psalm 145:9

Only the all-wise, all-powerful, all-good God can take the evil that men do and turn it into something good.

Psalm 34:8

“For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!” Zechariah 9:17

Closing Exhortation (v14)

“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.” Lamentations 3:25-26

Psalm 37:7

Psalm 37:34

"And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you." Psalm 39:7