

**CONFIDENCE IN  
GOD**

**PSALM 27:1-3**

# **WE ARE NOT SURE WHEN THIS PSALM WAS WRITTEN BY DAVID.**

- In his youth before he was king
- In his old age just before his death
- At the time he was running from King Saul when Doeg betrayed him.
- **WHENEVER** it was a time of need & he re-established his confidence in God!

# I. DETRACTORS OF GOD'S CONFIDENCE

**Psa 27:1** The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; **whom shall I fear?** the LORD *is* the strength of my life; **of whom shall I be afraid?**

**Fear = a term to mean either paralyzing fear or personal awe**

**Afraid = a term for sudden alarm or reverential awe**

# MORE DETRACTORS FROM CONFIDENCE IN GOD ARE OUR FOES.

Psa 27:2 When **the wicked**, even **mine enemies** and **my foes**, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

The wicked = good for nothings who seek to break up & destroy

Mine enemies = my opponents & adversaries

My foes = my haters – those who hate me & my confidence

# **A THIRD DETRACTOR FROM CONFIDENCE IN GOD IS THE FIGHT FOR FAITH!**

Psa 27:3 Though an host should encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear: **though war should rise against  
me**, in this *will I be* confident.

**Host = a company of opposition**

**War rise against me = a combat of oppression**

# II. DELIVERANCE FOR CONFIDENCE IN GOD

Psa 27:1 **The LORD is my light** and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Joh 8:12 Then **spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world:** he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

# OUR DELIVERANCE COMES IN THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.

Psa 27:1 The LORD *is* my light and **my salvation**;

- The Light shows the darkness of sin in our heart.
- When sin is seen, salvation is the naturally next.
- Note the necessity of PERSONAL salvation!

# OUR DELIVERANCE TO CONFIDENCE IN GOD COMES IN REALIZING HIS STRENGTH

Psa 27:1 The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? **the LORD *is* the strength of my life;** of whom shall I be afraid?

- **The secret of God's power is our powerlessness  
AFTER His shining & salvation.**



# OFTEN OUR PROBLEMS ARE GOD'S MEANS OF SHOWING US HIS STRENGTH!

- 2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
- 2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for **Christ's sake:** for when I am weak, then am I strong.

# **AFTER SHINING OF THE LORD, THE SALVATION & STRENGTH OF THE LORD COMES THE SUBJUGATION OF THE LORD.**

Psa 27:2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

- **Who is defeated?**
- **Why are they defeated?**
- **To eat up my flesh = to destroy me**

# HOW ARE THE ENEMIES DEFEATED?

Psa 27:2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, **they stumbled and fell.**

- **By their confusion.**
- **By their collapse.**

# AN OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLE OF CONFIDENCE IN GOD

- **2Ch 20:17** Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you.

# AND WHAT DID GOD DO WHEN HIS PEOPLE HAD CONFIDENCE IN HIM?

- 2Ch 20:20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.
- 2Ch 20:21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

# THE AMMONITES & MOABITES WERE CONFUSED & DESTROYED.

- 2Ch 20:22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.
- 2Ch 20:23 **For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them*: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.**

# **PSALM 27 IS A SONG OF CHEER IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS!**

- **In what do you have confidence?**
- **Has the Lord shined in your darkness?**
- **Do you know His salvation?**
- **Is He your strength or are you trying to deal with your problems in your own strength?**