

New Year Focus:
“Living In The Light Of His Presence!”
Psalm 27

Introduction:

In the Old Testament period, under the Dispensation of “Law”, the “saint” of God, who was redeemed by being “under the Covenant” which God had established with Abraham, **did not have the privilege of the permanent “indwelling” of the Holy Spirit!** That is the privilege of the New Testament “saint” as a member of the Church, the Bride of Christ. The Old Testament “saint” could seek the actual presence of God **only** in the “Tabernacle”, and then, the “Temple”, where God “dwelt” among His people, Israel.

David understood this fact, so he had a clear “desire”—a desire for the **House of God!** He expresses this desire in Psalm 26, 27, and 28.

- It was the place where God’s **glory** “dwells”, Psa. 26:8;
- It was the place where God’s **beauty** could be “seen”, Psa. 27:4.
- It was the place where God could be **worshiped**, Psa. 28:2,7.

Derek Kidner, noted interpreter of the Psalms, calls **Psalm 26** “pure devotion” on the part of David:

*“An absorbed delight in the presence and House of God makes the core of this psalm (verses 6-8) a **personal confession** that shames our ‘faint desires’. The surrounding verses point to the source of this joy, in the realm of choice rather than temperament: the costly choice of allegiance which has thrown David back on God’s protection, and made clear to him where his heart and treasure lie, and in what company he is supremely at home.”*

Most of us understand these basic truths, but let’s allow David’s **heart** to instruct us toward the **“full” privilege** we have as New Testament Believers because of our “union” with Jesus Christ which brings the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and “every spiritual blessing”! (Eph. 1:3)

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I. His Presence Removes All “ _____”, 1-3.

A. Biblical “ _____” (v. 3) begins with a clear realization of who _____ is! (1)

1. The LORD (“Jehovah”/ “Yahweh”) = my “ _____”;
= my “ _____”;
= my “ _____”!

2. Logical Questions:

- a. “Whom shall I _____?”
- b. “Whom shall I _____?”

B. The “Enemy” is _____! (2)

- a. “Evildoers” who attempt to “devour my flesh”!
- b. “Adversaries”/ “Enemies” → true _____!

--Key: “**They**” _____!

C. The “Enemy” is _____! (3)

- a. “A _____ encamp against me!”
- b. “ _____ arise against me!”

D. Application: The Believer can have a Christ-given

“ _____”
for all that will “come upon me” in the new year!

II. His Presence Is A “ _____ ”, 4-6.

A. David’s request/desire = to “ _____ ” in the House of the LORD, 4.

--Key: “That shall I _____”

B. Why?

1. “To _____ the “ _____ ” of the LORD, 4.

2. “To _____ in His Temple (“ _____ ”), 4.

C. Why?

--“Faith” is _____ by “the day of trouble,” 5.

D. What?

--He will “ _____ ” → His Tabernacle!

--He will “ _____ ” → The “ _____ ” place!

--He will “ _____ ” me up → a “ _____ ”!
(I Sam. 23:24-29)

E. Result: “I will _____,” 6.

F. Application: The “Day of Trouble” has an _____ !

III. **His Presence Is A** “ _____ ”, 8-10.

A. God says, “ _____ My _____!” (8)

B. His Promise: When everyone “ _____”, He will be found _____, Heb. 13:5-6.

C. **Application:** His “command” is **koinonia**, I John 1:5-7.

IV. **The “Experience” Of His Presence Must Be** “ _____ ”, 11-14.

A. David asks to the “taught” God’s “ _____”, 11.

--**Key:** Our way is not His way! (Isa. 55:8-9)

B. What is God’s “way”?

1. “ _____”, 13.

--**See:** Heb. 11:6.

2. “ _____”, 14.

--**Keys:**

a. True “faith” will require God’s _____;

b. True “faith” will require God’s _____!

C. **Application:**

1. Living in the “Presence” of the Lord guards against “fainting” and “despairing”!

“I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD”
--KJV

“I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD . . .”
--NASV

2. “Waiting” in the Presence of the Lord brings a promise:

“He shall strengthen thine heart.” --KJV