

“Trust in God”

Psalm 27

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” (27:14)

In 2 Chronicles 13, King Abijah found himself outnumbered 800,000 to 400,000 against King Jeroboam of the north. Yet Abijah knew what God’s Word said; that he was the rightful king, as a son of David; - not Jeroboam. That his priests were from the line of Aaron, not whoever can pay the entrance fee like Jeroboam’s. And that the temple in Jerusalem is the God-approved place of worship not Bethel or Dan and especially not golden calves – as Jeroboam did. He trusted in God and believed God’s kingdom cannot be defeated – and God gave him victory.

His great-grandfather David wrote a psalm about trusting in God even when the odds seemed stacked against us.

“Hang on to What You Know” (27:1-6)

David starts out very confidently, reassuring himself with what he knows to be true as a believer in Yahweh, the true God. What does he say?

v.1 “The LORD is my _____ and my _____ - whom shall I _____?”
The LORD is the _____ of my life – of who, shall I be _____?”

v.2 “When _____ men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and foes _____ me, they will _____ and _____.”

v.3 “Though an _____ besiege me my heart will not _____ though war break out against me, even then will I be _____.”

What keeps David focused and confident in the LORD?

v.4 “One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek; that I may _____ in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the _____ of the LORD and to _____ Him in His temple.”

Why is this his desire?

v.5 “For in the day of trouble he will keep me _____ in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His _____ and set me high on a _____.”

And then what will result?

v.6 “Then my head will be _____ above the enemies who surround me; at His tabernacle will I shout with shouts of _____; I will _____ and make music to the LORD.”

***Why is it important for us to review everyday what we believe about God, His Son and His Word?**

“Pray About What You Don’t Know” (27:7-12)

Confidence aside, the reality of his circumstances is he does have people out to get him. Ultimately he knows God is in control and is powerful to protect him (and be in His presence forever should he die) but still arrows, rocks and lies hurt. He doesn’t know how things will go. So what does he (and what should we) do?

v.7 “Hear my voice when I _____ O LORD; be merciful to me and _____ me.”

v.8 “My _____ says of You “_____ His face!
Your face, LORD, I will _____.”

David prays to God about the things he’s not sure of and for God to hear. Perhaps the next verse is David’s way of confessing his sins in case this blocks God from hearing him (cf. Ps. 66:18)

v.9 “Do not _____ Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in _____; You have been My helper. Do not _____ me or _____ me O God my _____.”

How does v. 10 fit in all this?

v.10 “Though my father and mother _____ me, the LORD will receive me.”

V. 11 is still a prayer but what is this prayer for?

v.11 “_____ me Your way O LORD; _____ me in a _____ path because of my oppressors.”

***Why is this an important prayer to pray when we’re going through difficulties?**

What did the writer of Ps. 119 learn from his difficulties?

Ps. 119:71 “It was _____ for me to be afflicted so that I might learn Your _____.”

Now David returns to his specific situation, praying for . . .

Ps. 27:12 “Do not turn me over to the _____ of my foes, for _____ witnesses rise up against me, breathing out _____.”

“Pray & Trust Until You Do Know” (27:13-14)

*Look up **Hebrews 11:1** and write out the definition of faith:*

Heb. 11:1 “Now faith is being sure of what we _____ hope for and certain of what we do not _____.”

Now look at Ps. 27:13-14. How does David’s confidence illustrate Heb. 11:1?

v.13 “I am still _____ of this: I will see the _____ of the LORD and the _____ of the living.”

David's final statement is all we can do when we're unsure of our situations.

v.14 "_____ for the LORD; be _____ and take _____ and _____ for the LORD."

The word "wait" means to wait with hope, expecting the desired outcome. See how it is used elsewhere;

Ps. 56:6 "They conspire, they lurk, they _____ ['wait'] my steps eager to take my life."

Ps. 37:9 "For evil men will be _____ off, but those who hope ['wait'] in the LORD will _____ the land"

This confident hope "strengthens" the one who waits on God. When we doubt God's promises however what gives way?

Matt. 14:27-31

But when we wait on the Lord, this happens:

Is. 40:30-31

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