### Psalms

## Chapter 27

A Psalm by David, [composed] before his anointing.  
  
  
  
  
1Jehovah’s my Light and my Savior;  
 So, whom should I have reason to fear?  
 The Lord is my life’s defender;  
 So, before whom, should I ever be shy?  
  
2For, those who attacked to bring evil,  
 And those who wished to ‘devour my flesh’  
 (Those enemies of mine who’ve oppressed me)  
 Have now all weakened and fallen.  
  
3Should they set their camps up before me,  
 And should they attack me in war;  
 My hope is that my heart won’t show fear.  
  
4There’s one thing that I’ve asked of Jehovah  
 (Yes, this is the one thing I’m seeking):  
 To dwell in His House all the days of my life,  
 Where I can see the delights of the Lord,  
 And visit His Most Holy Place.  
  
5For, whenever evil arrives,  
 He hides me inside His Tent,  
 And during bad days, He’s my shelter.  
 Within His Tent, He conceals me,  
 And He stands me high on a rock.  
  
6For, look… He’s lifted my head  
 Higher than my enemies!  
 So, around His Tent, I’ll walk and bring gifts…  
 A sacrifice of praise, I’ll offer,  
 And I’ll sing and strum to Jehovah!  
  
7I’ve said to You in my heart:  
  
 ‘I’ll always search for my God!’  
  
8Yes, within my heart, I’ve been saying:  
  
 ‘I’ll always search for Jehovah!’  
  
My face will always be looking to You,  
 And Your face, I’ll always be seeking.  
 9So, please don’t turn from me, O my God…  
 Don’t turn from Your servant in anger;  
 Rather, keep on being my helper!  
  
Don’t ever curse me or send me away…  
 Don’t leave me and don’t overlook me.  
 O God, may I trust that You are my Savior!  
  
10Even though my father and mother have left me,  
 Jehovah’s chosen me as His own.  
 11So Lord, put Your ways in my heart,  
 And before my enemies, straighten my paths.  
 12Don’t hand me to those who oppress me…  
 Those who’ve witnessed against me and lied,  
 And whose justice has lied to itself.  
  
13I trust that I’ll get what’s good from the Lord  
 While I’m still in the land of the living.  
 14Thus I’ll wait on Jehovah and act like a man…  
 I’ll wait on the Lord who strengthens my heart!