An Exuberant Declaration of Faith

A Psalm of David.

- 1. Yahweh (The LORD) *is* my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? Yahweh (The LORD) *is* the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.
- ³ Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident.
- ⁴ One *thing* I have desired of Yahweh (The LORD), That will I seek:
 That I may dwell in Beit Yahweh (the house of the LORD) All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of Yahweh (The LORD), And to inquire in His temple.
- ⁵ For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to Yahweh (The LORD).
- ⁷ Hear, O Yahweh (LORD), when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
- 8 When You said, "Seek My face,"
 My heart said to You, "Your face, Yahweh (LORD), I will seek."
- ⁹ Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O Elohey (God of) my salvation.
- ¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me, Then Yahweh (The LORD) will take care of me.
- ¹¹ Teach me Your way, O Yahweh (LORD), And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.
- ¹² Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.
- ¹³ I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of Yahweh (The LORD) In the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait on Yahweh (The LORD); Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on Yahweh (The LORD)! NKJV

Facts Revealed:

★ 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?
When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh,
My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.

Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear;

Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident. [Psalm 27:1-3]

- ♦ David expressed his complete confidence in Yahweh based on previous experience.
- ❖ One thing I have desired of the LORD , That will I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. [Psalm 27:4]

- ♦ David's greatest desire is for a very close relationship with Yahweh.
- ♦ This is the heart cry Yahweh will certainly respond to favorably.
- ♦ Scriptures promise that if you seek the Lord with all your heart and all your soul you will find Him. [Deuteronomy 4:25-31, 1 Chronicles 28:9, 15:1-2, Proverbs 8:17, Jeremiah 29:13]
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And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD. [Psalm 27:5-6]

- ♦ David expects that Yahweh will continue to be his shelter based on previous experiences.
- ♦ David promised to offer sacrifices with joy and sing praises to Yahweh.
- ⇒ Hear, O Yahweh (LORD), when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When You said, "Seek My face,"

My heart said to You, "Your face, Yahweh (LORD), I will seek."

Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O Elohey (God of) my salvation. [Psalm 27:7-9]

- ♦ David still is seeking the mercy of Yahweh and an answer when he cries out for help.
- ♦ David has done his best to seek Yahweh with his whole heart as Yahweh has called us to do.
- → David is concerned that Yahweh might turn away from him like He had turned from Saul. [1 Samuel 16:14]
- ❖ Even Jesus on the cross cried out when Yahweh turned away from him because of the sin of the world He was bearing and it seemed like God had forsaken Him. [Matthew 24:46, Mark 15:34]
- ★ When my father and my mother forsake me, Then Yahweh (The LORD) will take care of me.

Teach me Your way, O Yahweh (LORD), And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

- ◆ Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence. [Psalm 27:10-12]
 - ♦ David expressed confidence in Yahweh even though forsaken by humans.
 - ♦ We all need the teachings and guidance of Yahweh especially when faced by enemies.
 - ♦ Yahweh is able to deliver us from the will of adversaries and false witnesses.

- ★ I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of Yahweh (The LORD) In the land of the living.

 Wait on Yahweh (The LORD); Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on Yahweh (The LORD)! [Psalm 27:13-14]
 - ♦ Faith gives us confidence in Yahweh as we face our daily situations.
 - → The best advice is to wait on Yahweh in faith and we will see that God causes all
 things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called
 according to His purpose.