

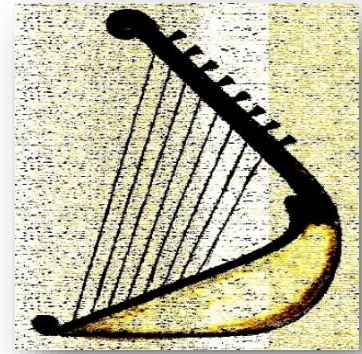
PSALM 27 vs 1

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Subject: nothing can be drawn from the title as to when this Psalm was written; but if you judge from the matter of the song, the writer was pursued by enemies, was shut out of the house of the Lord, and was the subject of slander.

Divisions: the Psalmist first sounds his sure confidence in his God (1-3); and his love for communion with Him (4-6); then he takes himself to prayer (7-12); and concludes with encouraging others to follow his example (13-14) – Charles Spurgeon.



A Psalm of David

¹ The LORD is my Light and my Salvation / my Yeshua; whom will I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom will I be afraid?

² When came against me the wrong, to devour my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell.

³ Though encamp against me like an army, my heart will not fear: though war should rise against me, in this I am confident.

Think about it: His enemies were cruel; they were malicious, ruinous blood-suckers and cannibals. The scripture says, they are wolves that will leave nothing till morning – Zephaniah 3. Yet the soul is assured and declares it boldly: “The Lord is my Light and my Salvation” If God be for us (and He is) who but a fool can be against us -- Richard Sibbs, (1577-1635)

⁴ One thing I desired of the LORD, that I seek; that I will 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.

⁵ For He will hide me in His pavilion in the time of trouble: in the secret place of His tabernacle He will hide me; upon a Rock, He will set high.

⁶ And now will my head be lifted up above my enemies all around me: therefore I will offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I sing, Yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

Think about it: “One thing” he sought from the Lord... divided aims ten toward distraction, weakness and disappointment. The man of one book is eminent, the man of one pursuit is successful.

⁷ Listen, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: show favor upon me, and answer me.

⁸ To You when my heart said, Seek My face; Your face, O LORD, I seek.

⁹ Do not hide Your face from me; do not send away Your servant in anger: You are my help; do not leave me, nor forsake me, O God of my salvation / my Yeshua.

¹⁰ If my father and my mother abandon me, then the LORD will take me.

¹¹ Teach me O LORD, Your way, and lead me level path, because of my enemies.

¹² Do not deliver me to the desire of my enemies: for false witnesses have risen up against me, and such as spew out **violence.**

Think about it: To be abandoned by the people who gave you life; it's all too common now days; yet the Lord said, I will never leave you or forsake you; [I am with you to the end of the age](#).

¹³ I had ____, unless I believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait on the LORD: with courage; He will strengthen your heart: I say, wait on the LORD.

Think about it: The words in the italics are supplied by the translator; but far from necessary, they injure the sense. Throw out the words "I had fainted", and leave a space, and the elegant figure of the Psalmist will be preserved, who breaks off in the middle of his discourse without completing the sentence, though what he meant to say is evident. Under sore trouble and distress, labor to exercise a lively faith before the all-sufficiency of God, watch the power of God, how it supports under the cross, and what it can make happen for you by the cross; no cross is so sharp and grievous, but He can make it comfortable. No cross is so heavy and intolerable, but He can make it easy and light. And no cross is so humiliating, but He can turn it to your honor.

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