

TODAY: What an amazing thing it is that God has made it possible for us to present with God by the indwelling of his Holy Spirit. In prayer, we can embrace the indwelling presence of God with us.

A. Trust (vs 1-3)

B. God's presence revealed (vs 4-6)

C. David's pursuit of God's presence (vs 7-8)

B'. God's presence hidden (vs 9-12)

A'. Trust (vs 13-14)

vs 4-6 — with increased _____ of God's presence comes increased _____ of God's presence

vs 9-12 — when God appears _____, David prays for God to _____ him back to awareness of God

vs 7-8 — prayer for a _____ that seeks to be _____

Hebrew *pane*h = _____

prayer to be in God's presence — _____

“I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.” —Martin Luther

Prayer Presence

Being with God

Psalm 27:1–14 (NIV)

Trust

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? ² When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. ³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

God's presence revealed (assurance)

⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. ⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. ⁶ Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

David's pursuit of God's presence

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. ⁸ My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.

God's presence hidden (despair)

⁹ Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. ¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. ¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. ¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

Trust

¹³ I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.



Prayer Presence

Psalm 27



Understanding the Bible:
What is the problem being
expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What is the one thing that the Psalmist asks of the Lord
in today's Bible passage?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Psalm 27:1-14

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

W U V S Y Y T E N T A L
B A T F A L L F V H M O
R I I M T C D E V O U R
E D F T B S R N U U C D
A D A Y T E V E N G O S
K F R F C E S M D H N E
B O R A O K W I H N F O
Y T F A N R T E E I I D
U F U E I R S S L G D W
F W O R A D V A N C E E
R T H E N R E F K W N L
M T H E S W M V R E T L
R F C D N Y B Y T V E B

The **LORD** is my light and my salvation— whom shall I **fear**? The **LORD** is the stronghold of my **life**— of whom shall I be **afraid**? **When** the wicked **advance** against me to **devour** me, it is my **enemies** and my **foes** who will stumble and **fall**. **Though** an **army** **besiege** me, my **heart** will not **fear**; **though** war **break** out against me, **even then** I will be **confident**.

One thing I ask from the **LORD**, this only do I **seek**: that I may **dwell** in the house of the **LORD** all the days of my **life**, to gaze on the beauty of the **LORD** and to **seek** him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will **hide** me in the shelter of his **sacred tent** and set me high upon a rock. **Then** my head will be exalted above the **enemies** who surround me; at his **sacred tent** I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the **LORD**. Hear my voice **when** I call, **LORD**; be merciful to me and answer me. My **heart** says of you, "**Seek** his **face**!" Your **face**, **LORD**, I will **seek**. Do not **hide** your **face** from me, do not **turn** your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or **forsake** me, God my Savior. **Though** my father and mother **forsake** me, the **LORD** will receive me. Teach me your way, **LORD**; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not **turn** me over to the desire of my **foes**, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. I remain **confident** of this: I will see the goodness of the **LORD** in the land of the living. **Wait** for the **LORD**; be strong and take **heart** and **wait** for the **LORD**.