



Bible Study
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Focus on God, Not Your Trouble
Psalm 27:1-3

Verse 1 **Psalm 27** is all about who God is and what He has done, is doing, and what He will do. For the believer, it highlights a power principle—that whatever your circumstances; trouble; or trials, focus on God. He is always the main character. We only support Him.

Verse 1a David wrote this Psalm in a season of trouble. He was not in darkness even though the times were dark because the Lord was his light and his direction—**Psalm 119:105**. In trouble, he could still see because his direction was determined by God and not his trouble—**Psalm 37:23-24**.

Salvation in this verse means deliverance. He remembers what God had already done and is confident that He would do it again and again. It is deliverance from His enemies or his trouble. Since God is my light and salvation, He is my direction and my deliverance. Why should I be afraid—we have no reason to fear?

Verse 1b The Lord is the strength of my life. David was a skilled warrior and must have been a man of impressive physical strength. Nevertheless, he looked to the Lord as the strength of his life. He knew that he could only be strong in the Lord. He knew what Paul would later write about in **Ephesians 6:10**—be strong in the Lord and the power

of His might. David trusted God more than his wisdom, experience, friends, and resources.

Because God was His light (direction); salvation (deliverance); and strength, David came to the conclusion he had no reason to fear and neither do we.

Verse 2 Then, David slips into testimony mode. His trouble triggers his memory about how God had proven Himself in the past. Note that in trouble, he gained hope because he remembered who God is.

Verse 2a David is talking about the God who he has had previous experience with. God not only will be his light; salvation; and strength, He already has been his light, salvation, and strength and has never stopped. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever—**Hebrews 13.8**.

David's confidence in God was battle-tested. He did not have a fair-weather faith that only worked in easy circumstances. This isn't the song of someone who only knew of God. This is a song of a man who knew God even in danger and despair.

Perhaps David remembered his battle with Goliath. In **1 Samuel 17:44** when He wrote **Verse 2**, God blew them off their legs.

Verse 3 Because of **Verses 1-2**, David's inner being has no fear. He is confident in God.