

## Hear, Hearing, Heard Psalm 27:7-10

**Introduction:** Faith fills the soul with courage, strengthens arm and hand for battle, and brightens the eye with hope. Faith in God, your light and your salvation leaves you fearless in the midst of life's battles. He is your guide; you don't drift along. He's your Heroic Rescuer, your salvation— no sin can damn you, no foe ultimately defeat you.

This faith fills the heart with love for your hero, your Savior, your God. This growing knowing love as it sees more of its object, God in creation, the Scriptures, and the children of God becomes more ardent in its desire to fellowship with the God so adored and beloved. **In Psalm 27:7-10** David prays three things to God:

**1) Lord, Hear me (7)**

**2) Lord, I hear You (8-9)**

**3) Lord, You heard me (10)**

1. **Lord, Hear ME (Psalm 27:7)!** This love longs and cries out “Hear! Listen to me!” There is an assurance that this cry will be heard and reciprocated. God has commanded us to come to Him with every concern, every burden. Not problem is too small or unimportant; no matter is too great. From the state of our nation-state, to the concern for a lost wallet, to a loved one's impending surgery.. God knows. God cares. God listens.
2. **Lord, I'm Hearing YOU (Psalm 27:8-9)!** The Psalmist longed to behold with his eyes the beauty of the Lord (27:4). This was his superlative wish as he desired to be in God's temple with God's people in the place of God's worship. As he longed to see God, he discerned God's voice. He heard the invitation to seek the Lord's face, to search to find the very object of his desire. This was no unique invitation; this was the communal invitation of the Lord of His people to all His people *Seek ye my face!* This was a command, an invitation to all God's people; the plural *ye* in the KJV is plural for you.

Doubtless some in the house of the Lord responded as people do in the house of the Lord: I'm busy; I've got work; I need to serve your supper! David did not respond with excuses; he took this invitation and he ran with it! Eagerly he sought to do what the Lord had commanded His people to do— David said *my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.* This was a promise, yes, but it was more. David here made a vow to GOD— I WILL SEEK YOU.

**David earnestly desired to behold, meet, and fellowship with God.** He was not interested in a game of “Hide and Seek” with God! He didn't want God to be elusive or hard to find. He didn't want God to hide from him (27:9a). David didn't

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want distance between Himself and God, he prayed *Hide not Thy face far from me*. Straying and sins might dampen the relationship between friends; David knew the pain and mental anguish of straying from God. The guilt, the conscience roaring, the shame... the distance from God was misery (Psalms 32, 51)! As in his penitential psalms, David prays *Put not Thy servant away in anger*. To be distanced from God by sin; to be put on a shelf as useless, to lose status as a vessel meet for honor... this was not only disgrace and shame, thus was heartbreak!

**David reminds His God of past deliverance:** *Thou hast been my help*. By grace, bear and lion had gone down by David's sling. Goliath fell. *David has killed his ten thousands* was the song of the choir because God enabled and strengthened him. God had been his Helper. God had been his Deliverer. God had been his Captain, his Victory-Giver, his Wisdom!

Such success in the past led David even more dependently, more desperately to cry out ***Leave me not, neither forsake me!*** With God, David could run through a troop. With God, victory was sure. God alone receives credit, glory, and praise! David extols and exalts in his God. With renewed hope, greater faith, and rising love he exclaims ***O God of my salvation*** be yet my help! O God, forsake me never! God, You are the agent of salvation!

3. **Lord, I am HEARD (Psalm 27:10)!** David longed for God to hear him (7). He wanted to see God (4). God wanted to be sought by David (8a). David sought God earnestly in prayer, **seeking the Lord's face, His forgiveness for sin, His continued favor and presence**. With faith and foresight, David anticipated that the Lord would continue to be faithful. Parents might forget or prove false; God never will. God remembers you and me; our names are engraven upon the palms of His hands. He forgets us never!

Friends and family may abandon us, but God is always, ever faithful. He is the Good Shepherd who leaves His 99 safe sheep to seek the erring lost sheep, however far it strays! David concludes this section by saying *The LORD will take me up!* He takes up my cause! He lifts me up from the mire of despair! From the muck of sin, He raises and rinses me by His own precious blood, cleansing me and making me whole! He takes up my cause, my case when slanderers rail against me. He fights my battle as a Father rises to defend His Son from sneaky sly snakes! Let us never fear! Let us seek our Savior's face! There we'll find comfort warm and strength to secure souls, minds, and healing and rest for our souls. Here is joy! Here is peace! Here is love! Here is your God and mine! Let us worship Him and seek His face!