

SALEM HEIGHTS

THRIVING

IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

HOPE IS THE EAGER ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENT EXPECTATION
OF A FUTURE GUARANTEED BY GOD.

“As I consider the possibility of living with genuine **hope**, *the eager anticipation and confident expectation of a future guaranteed by God*, I realize that kind of hope I have for tomorrow settles me today! David had that hope. In Psalm 27 David doesn’t deny his troubles, they were real and very present, yet he did not despair. His hope was anchored in the character and word of God, and he was confident he would see and experience God’s goodness. We can have that same confidence today!”— Julie Bernard

“A quiet heart is content with what God gives. It is enough. All is grace.”— Elizabeth Elliott

“...hope and courage will not be found in your understanding your life because you have moments you don't understand . . . it's found in remembering how God has described Himself and His beauty and letting that beauty define life and define who you are.”— Paul Tripp

Psalm 27

A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.

A *Psalm* of David.

27 The LORD is my light and my salvation;

Whom should I fear?

The LORD is the defense of my life;

Whom should I dread?

² When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,

My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

³ If an army encamps against me,

My heart will not fear;

If war arises against me,

In *spite of* this I am confident.

⁴ One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall 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 meditate in His temple.

⁵ For on the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;
He will hide me in the secret place of His tent;
He will lift me up on a rock.

⁶ And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me,
And I will offer sacrifices in His tent with shouts of joy;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, LORD, when I cry with my voice,
And be gracious to me and answer me.

⁸ *When You said*, "Seek My face," my heart said to You,
"I shall seek Your face, LORD."

⁹ Do not hide Your face from me,
Do not turn Your servant away in anger;
You have been my help;
Do not abandon me nor forsake me,
God of my salvation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
But the LORD will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me Your way, LORD,
And lead me on a level path
Because of my enemies.

¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my enemies,
For false witnesses have risen against me,
And *the* violent witness.

¹³ I certainly believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD
In the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
Be strong and let your heart take courage;
Yes, wait for the LORD.

1. What do you see about hope in this passage?
2. What does it teach us about God?
3. What does it teach us about man?
4. What should we do in light of this passage?