

Psalm 27:1-6

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

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 evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.*

*Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.*

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

*that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,*

*to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.*

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up

above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

The Lord, who is the believer's light, is the strength of his life; not only by whom, but in whom he lives and moves. In God let us strengthen ourselves. The gracious presence of God, his power, his promise, his readiness to hear prayer, the witness of his Spirit in the hearts of his people; these are the secret of his tabernacle, and in these the saints find cause for that holy security and peace of mind in which they dwell at ease. The psalmist prays for constant communion with God in holy ordinances. All God's children desire to dwell in their Father's house. Not to sojourn there as a wayfaring man, to tarry but for a night; or to dwell there for a time only, as the servant that abides not in the house for ever; but to dwell there all the days of their life, as children with a father. Do we hope that the praising of God will be the blessedness of our eternity? Surely then we ought to make it the business of our time. This he had at heart more than any thing. Whatever the Christian is as to this life, he considers the favour and service of God as the one thing needful. This he desires, prays for and seeks after, and in it he rejoices. - *Matthew Henry, MHCC*