

Psalm 27:1, 5-13^{iv}

- ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- ⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- ⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
..... and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- ⁸Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- ⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- ¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- ¹²Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- ¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

^{iv} **About the Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 5-13**

The first part (vv. 1-6) of Psalm 27 is a song of trust that speaks of Yahweh, the LORD, in the third person. The second section (vv. 7-14) is a lament addressed to Yahweh in the second person. This latter section presents the situation of someone, unjustly accused, who is coming to the temple to seek the LORD's decision and offer sacrifice. He believes that the LORD's goodness will be made known in this life. The final verse of assurance is probably the priest's reply, speaking as an oracle of the LORD.