

Psalm 27

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 the wicked advance
against me to devour me, it is my
enemies and my foes who will
stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then **I will be confident.**

One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek: that I may
dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the
LORD and to seek him
in his temple. For **in the day of
trouble he will keep me safe**
in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of
his sacred tent and set me high
upon a rock. Then my head will
be exalted above the enemies
who surround me;

at his sacred tent I will sacrifice
with shouts of joy; I will sing and
make music to the LORD. Hear my
voice when I call, LORD; be
merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.
Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in
anger; **you have been my helper.**

Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior. Though my father
and mother forsake me,
the LORD will receive me.

Teach me your way, LORD;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the
desire of my foes, for false
witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.

I remain confident of this: I will
see the **goodness of the Lord** in
the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart and
wait for the LORD.

1 Peter 5:7-11

**Cast all your anxiety on him
because he cares for you.**

1 Peter 5:7-11

**Be alert and of sober mind.
Your enemy the devil prowls
around like a roaring lion
looking for someone to devour.**

1 Peter 5:7-11

**Resist him,
standing firm in the faith,**

1 Peter 5:7-11

**because you know that the
family of believers throughout
the world is undergoing the
same kind of sufferings.**

**And the God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal
glory in Christ,**

**after you have suffered
a little while,**

1 Peter 5:7-11

**will himself restore you and
make you strong,
firm and steadfast.**

**To him be the power
for ever and ever.
Amen.**