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Fourth Baptist Church

From Fear to Faith

Psalm 27

Psalm 27 is a psalm of confidence in the LORD, Yahweh. David expresses his confidence in the LORD (1-3), his desires to be with the LORD (4-6), his plea for deliverance by the LORD (7-12), and his encouragement because of the LORD (13-14).

I. Fear is _____ by God's _____ (1-6)

A. God's presence _____ any threat (2-3)

B. God's presence _____ in His dwelling place (4-6)

II. Fear is _____ by God's _____ (7-14)

A. God's grace _____ fearful people (7-10)

B. God's grace _____ fearful people (11-14)

As I read the words [1 Tim 1:17], there came into my soul, and was as it were diffused through it, a sense of the glory of the Divine Being; a new sense, quite different from any thing I ever experienced before. Never any words of Scripture seemed to me as these words did. I thought with myself, how excellent a Being that was, and how happy I should be, if I might enjoy that God . . . from about that time I began to have a new kind of apprehensions and ideas of Christ, and the work of redemption, and the glorious way of salvation by him. An inward, sweet sense of these things, at times, came into my heart; and my soul was led away in pleasant views and contemplations of them. And my mind was greatly engaged to spend my time in reading and meditating on Christ, on the beauty and excellency of his person, and the lovely way of salvation by free grace in him . . .

My mind was greatly fixed on divine things; almost perpetually in the contemplation of them. I spent most of my time in thinking of divine things, year after year; often walking alone in the woods, and solitary places, for meditation, soliloquy, and prayer, and converse with God; and it was always my manner, at such times to sing forth my contemplations.

- Jonathan Edwards