

Be Confident in the Lord
Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel
Psalms Study - emphasis on Psalm 27:1-14
Sunday – June 13th, 2010

CONTEXT of Psalm 27: - David is the author of this Psalm. This Psalm is a statement containing a prayer for God's intervention and help. David uses the occasion of great difficulty (the context doesn't tell us which occasion) to worship God with gratitude and reflection on God's supernatural care. He also encourages and instructs others to place their confidence in God alone. The focus of the Psalm is best summed up in verse 14. There David encourages anyone who will listen to "wait for the Lord" (repeated twice), and "let your heart take courage." The basis of his faith is shown at the beginning of the Psalm when David contrasts God with all the evil any person can conjure against him. In other words, by contrast to the Lord nothing anyone can do, or any circumstances anyone can bring are a match for God. David further shows that it is not just that he seeks God during times of trouble, but that the singular continuous focus of his life is always toward God. He speaks in terms of abiding with God, and desires first and foremost to know and understand His ways. His life is centered upon his hope in God, and therefore he is prepared to wait on Him in time of trouble.

Introduction:

I. His Confidence in God (27:1-3)

A. Security in God contrasted (27:1)

B. Solace in God no matter what (27:2-3)

II. His Choice to abide with God (27:4-6)

A. Single most desire (27:4)

B. Supernatural joy (26:5-6)

- Seen by peace in trouble (26:5)
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- Seen by joy above circumstances (26:6)
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III. His Cry to God for mercy (27:7-10)

A. Seeking God's help (27:7-8)

B. Strength of reliability (27:9-10)

IV. His Courage derived from God (27:11-14)

A. Sublime desire to know God's way (27:11)

B. Supplication by contrast (27:12)

C. Sustained by his faith (27:13)

D. Summation is faith at all times (27:14)

Conclusion:
