

# Psalms 27

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## **The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation**

- 1** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
  - 2** When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
  - 3** Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.
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- 4** One thing have I desired 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 behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.
  - 5** For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
  - 6** And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.
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- 7** Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
  - 8** When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

**9** Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**10** When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

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**11** Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

**12** Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

**13** I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

**14** Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### **Believe** — אָמֵן (Aman)

To believe, trust, be faithful

The Hebrew **aman** (אָמֵן) means to believe or confirm—the root of 'Amen.' It conveys firm trust and reliability. Abraham 'believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness' (Genesis 15:6).

### **God** — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

### **Lord** — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### **Mercy** — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

**Sacrifice** — זֶבַח (Zevach)

Sacrifice, offering

The Hebrew **zevach** (זֶבַח) denotes a sacrifice or offering—an animal slaughtered for worship. Old Testament sacrifices foreshadowed Christ, 'the Lamb of God' (John 1:29).

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**Wrath** — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**Psalms 27:2** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 3:7; 9:3; 14:4; 18:4; 118:12; Job 19:22; 31:31; Isaiah 8:15. **Evil:** Psalms 22:16

**Psalms 27:3**

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 3:6; 52:6; 2 Chronicles 20:15; Job 4:6; Philippians 1:28; 1 Peter 3:14; Revelation 2:10

**Psalms 27:4** **References Lord:** Psalms 23:6; 26:8; 27:8. **Temple:** Psalms 65:4. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 84:4; 84:10; Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 6:33; Luke 10:42; Philippians 3:13

**Psalms 27:5** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:8; 31:20; 40:2; 46:1; 50:15; 91:1; 119:114; 138:7; Proverbs 18:10; Colossians 3:3

**Psalms 27:6** **References Lord:** Psalms 3:3. **Resurrection:** Jeremiah 33:11; Hebrews 13:15. **Sacrifice:** Psalms 107:22; 1 Peter 2:5. **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 22:49; Isaiah 12:6; Zechariah 9:9; Revelation 5:9. **Sin:** Revelation 15:3

**Psalms 27:7**

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 5:2. **References Lord:** Psalms 13:3. **Grace:** Psalms 4:1

**Psalms 27:8** **References Lord:** Psalms 105:4; Isaiah 45:19. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 24:6; 119:58; Hosea 5:15

**Psalms 27:9** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 13:1; 44:24; 51:11; 69:17; 102:2; 119:121; 143:7; Hebrews 13:5. **Salvation:** Psalms 24:5; 88:1

**Psalms 27:10** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 69:8; Isaiah 40:11; 49:15; Matthew 10:36; John 9:35; 16:32; 2 Timothy 4:16. **References Lord:** 2 Samuel 16:11

**Psalms 27:11** **References Lord:** Psalms 5:8; 25:12; 26:12; 86:11. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 25:9; 64:6; 119:10; Proverbs 8:9; Isaiah 35:8; Jeremiah 20:10

## **Psalms 27:12**

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 31:8; 35:25; 38:16; 41:2; 41:11; 140:8; 1 Samuel 26:19; Acts 9:1. **Resurrection:** Psalms 35:11. **Witness:** Exodus 20:16

**Psalms 27:13** **References Lord:** Psalms 142:5. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 42:5; 56:13; Job 28:13; Jeremiah 11:19; 2 Corinthians 4:1; 4:16. **Faith:** Psalms 31:19; 56:3; Ephesians 2:8

**Psalms 27:14** **References Lord:** Psalms 37:34; 130:5; Isaiah 30:18; 40:31. **Good:** Psalms 31:24. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 62:5; 138:3; Habakkuk 2:3; Philippians 4:13; Colossians 1:11

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