

## Growing in Gratitude: Thanksgiving and God's Protection Psalm 27:1-6

### Series Summary

The Book of Psalms is one of the most beloved books in the entire Bible. It is in these chapters that we find peace for troubled hearts, courage for moments of fear, strength for times of weakness, and encouragement for everyday living. This series will challenge you to read through the Psalms and also pray through the Psalms as you grow in faithfulness to the Lord.

### Main Text

**Psalm 27:1-6** (ESV) – <sup>1</sup>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? <sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. <sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked 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 gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. <sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**Big Idea – The Secret of Perseverance = Seek the Lord as Your Protector and Provider**

### Three Prayers of Psalm 27

#### Prayer #1 – Lord, Be My Refuge and Shield Me from My Enemies Today

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#### Prayer #2 – Lord, Redeem Me with Your Love and Restore Me with Your Peace

**Psalm 27:4** (ESV) – <sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked 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 gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

#### Prayer #3 – Lord, Shelter Me and Strengthen Me in Your Mighty Presence

**Psalm 27:5-6** (ESV) – <sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. <sup>6</sup>And

now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

### **Memory Verse**

**Psalm 27:1** (ESV) – 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?

### **Challenge:**

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your family or small group or (2) Participating in a Sunday School class.