

David and the Lord His God

Psalm 23 and 27

23:1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
2He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
3he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
4Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
5You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

27:1 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?
2When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.
3Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.
4One 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.
5For 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.
6Then 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.
7Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.

8My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

9Do 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.

10Though my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me.

11Teach me your way, Lord;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

12Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.

13I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

14Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

**How was David's relationship with God?*

**What kind of "taste" do you get from these words of David?*

**How did you feel reading the Psalm out loud?*

**What are you learning from David?*

**What kind of important examples do you see in David?*

**Who are you going to share your discoveries with?*