

Where does your help come from? *My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121:1-2)*

I. Psalm 27 – A Psalm of David – A psalm of worship, a psalm of prayer, and a psalm of instruction.

A. A Psalm of Worship (v.1-6)

1. *The Lord is my light and my salvation: Whom shall I fear?*
2. *The Lord is the strength of my life: Of whom shall I be afraid?*
3. When the 'wicked' come against me and war rises against me... I will confidant and not afraid.
4. Deep love and worship: verses 4-5 show how deeply David loved God, His presence and His protection in his life.
5. Joy and praise: verse 6 describes David's joy and exuberant praises to the Lord: *I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.*

B. A Psalm of Prayer (v.7-13)

1. *Hear me when I cry out to you...*
2. *Have mercy and answer me...*
3. *I will seek Your face, Lord.*
4. *Don't hide Your face or turn away in anger; don't leave or forsake me.*
5. *Teach me Your way and keep my path straight and not influenced by my enemies...*
6. *Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries, they are lying about me, threatening violence...*

C. A Psalm of Faith and Instruction

1. *I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living...*
2. *Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!*

II. Wait on the Lord (v.14)

A. Waiting on the Lord must be anchored and grounded in a living/loving relationship with God, as we see in the early verses of this psalm.

1. Love, worship, trust, confidence, obedience, submission, yieldedness to His will and purposes...

B. Wait on the Lord...

1. Waiting has to do with prayer, listening, quietness, readiness to obey, trust, hope, humility, expectancy, looking patiently...
2. It is more than just 'waiting for God to do something,' it's a time of 'seeking His face,' learning to love Him more in the midst of difficulties...
3. Waiting on God is not 'weakness,' it is strength... it requires power, power to do nothing except what God directs.
4. Waiting on God has to do with God's will, God's power, and God's timing.

C. *Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart... Wait, I say, on the Lord!*

1. Courage – Grab on and hold on resolutely to God... (not what you think He should do)
2. Strengthen your heart – Cause to be steadfastly minded, alert, strengthened in the inner man.
3. The reiteration underscores the importance of 'waiting on the Lord.'

D. Psalm 40:1-3: Another powerful example

I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. He has put a new song in my mouth-- Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.