

Psalm 27—The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

A Psalm of Lament (A complete lament has five elements: address the Lord directly, describe their problem, ask God for help, give reasons why he should, and then express trust or praise)

Is also a Psalm of trust (which contain some or all of these: expressions of trust in the Lord, calls to trust the Lord, reasons for trusting the Lord, prayers for help, and vows to praise Him)

1. What problems was David facing or potentially facing? (2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 12)
2. Based on the problems he was having, what would you expect him to ask from the Lord? What specific requests does he actually make? (4, 7, 9, 11, 12). What can you learn from this?
3. What descriptions does he give of who and what the Lord is? (1, 9, 13)
4. What *does* the Lord do and/or what is David confident that he *will* do? (2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13)
5. What effect do the answers to the last two questions have on David? (1, 3, 13)
6. Because of all these things, what else will David do in addition to praying to the Lord? What does he say we (his readers) should do? (6, 8, 11, 14)
7. What can you learn about salvation from this Psalm?

8. How would you apply its teaching to our current situation?

9. Take a few moments to pray with this Psalm. You might use it as a template for your prayer by including the elements of lament and trust mentioned at the top. Or you might mark a couple verses or phrases in it that especially resonate with you and include them in your prayer. Or you might read through the entire Psalm again as a prayer to God, rewording lines a little bit when needed to make it your words to God.