

PSALM 27

Play the Melody 

Of David.

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1. God is my light, my ref-uge, my sal-va-tion.
 Whom shall I fear? The LORD comes to my aid.
 He is my strength in all my trib-u-la-tion.
 Of whom shall I then ev-er be a-fraid?
 When foes who seek my life close in on me,
 they all shallstum-ble and in an-guish flee;
 and though an ar-my should in war draw near,
 I will be con-fi-dent, I will not fear.

2. One thing have *I desired of God as favour,*
 that I may *always in His temple dwell*
 to view the *beauty of the LORD my Saviour*
 and in *His house to seek His holy will.*
 For *in the day of trouble and of strife*
 He *in His shelter will preserve my life.*
 Within *His tent He'll keep me at His side;*
 high on a *rock He safety will provide.*

3. My head shall *I lift up now with rejoicing*
above the *hostile forces* round about,
and in His *tent, my jubilation* voicing,
my *sacrifice I'll bring with joyful shout.*
I will extol the steadfast love of God,
with *song and music His great mercy laud.*
LORD, *hear me when I call and answer me.*
Show me Your *favour, listen to my plea.*

4. “Come, seek *My face.*” *O LORD, so You have spoken,*
and in *response my heart says earnestly:*
“Your face I’ll seek!” *My vow will not be broken.*
LORD, hear me! *Do not turn away from me,*
nor *thrust Your servant angrily aside,*
for *You have ever been my help and guide.*
Do not forsake me, listen to my cry.
On You, *O God my Saviour, I rely.*

5. My father and *my mother may forsake me:*
The LORD is *faithful and His help is sure.*
Teach me Your *way. O LORD and Saviour, take me,*
lead me on *pathways level and secure,*
for *evildoers lie in wait for me.*
Hand me not over to their tyranny.
False witnesses against me still arise;
they breathe out *malice and abusive lies.*

6. How I would *have despaired in my affliction*
if I had *not believed that in this life*
the LORD would *show His goodness, His protection;*
I would have *perished in my tears and strife.*
Wait for the LORD; be strong and undismayed.
The *LORD is faithful. Why then be afraid?*
Take courage, for His steadfast love is sure.
Wait for the *LORD. His mercy shall endure.*