

Watchman Part 23

The Watchman is Confident and Can See God's Goodness

“1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. 4 One thing have I desired 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 behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. 6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD. 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. 8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek. 9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. 10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. 12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. 13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. 14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.” (Psalm 27:1-14 KJV)

Psalm 27 is a psalm of David. It seems that he wrote this psalm while he was in the mid of troubles and he was attacked by the power of the evil one. **Evil attack from evil men may come across your life and will try to frighten you and inject fear in your heart in order to defeat you.** David was passing into and through many troubles but he was a good watchman who was able to see that God can do so much to him. **Therefore you need to take notice that the Lord is with you, also is with me and with others as He was with David**

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1. The LORD is my light: The Lord will make His light shine on your life and make you see clearly the way out of the troubles; the light of God will make you see the coming victory from Him. ***“12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12 KJV)*** As we continue to follow Jesus and His Word then we are in the light and will not stumble nor fall in the ways of darkness.

2. The LORD is my salvation: You will enjoy the salvation of God and His deliverance from troubles that are threatening your life. ***“6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John***

4:6 KJV) As we are in Christ and follow Him then we are in the right way, the truth that leads to life abundant and life everlasting.

3. whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ”: In Him you will have strength and you will find a refuge and a shelter to hide you from troubles. The enemies and foes that are attacking you they will stumble and fall. ***“2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.” (Psalm 27:2 KJV)*** God will cause the enemies who come to attack us trying to destroy us to stumble and fall.

The watchman has the confidence from the Lord and can see clearly the coming victory, ***“3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.” (Psalm 27:3 KJV)*** In times of troubles when the enemies are attaching us, surrounding us, and trying to invade us our hearts shall not fear even war rise against us we still be in confident, that God is with us and He will help us to overcome.

4. The watchman seeks the Lord: The watchman who has confident that the Lord will rescue him in times of troubles is a person who seeks the Lord and draw near to Him before troubles would come, ***“4 One thing have I desired 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 behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.” (Psalm 27:4 KJV)*** David was seeking to dwell in the house of God; not that because he had no place to dwell but because he wanted to be near to God and wanted to ponder on God and on His goodness and wanted always to inquire from Him. **Our delight should be to be always near to God, drawing toward Him, walking with Him, pondering upon all His goodness and faithfulness toward us, as well as to inquire from Him, asking Him questions and seeking from Him the right decision that we need to take in our lives.** To dwell in the house of God is to seek his protection, ***“5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.” (Psalm 27:5 KJV)*** You will have God's protection in times of troubles, and He will hide you and the ministry that He had placed you in to serve Him.

The watchman seeks the face of God, His will and His help, ***“8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.” (Psalm 27:8 KJV)*** * Seeking the face of God it means you are not seeking His hand to get material things from God. * People are of two kinds; those who seek His hand to get material things from Him and that is their first priority even if God is not pleased with them, and the other kind of people are those who seek His face and worked out to please God. * Seeking the face of God it means you want to know in details the things of God. Seeking the face of God it means you want to see God pleased with you and His face is smiling to you, and in such you will reap the harvest of righteousness and not the harvest of material things.

The confidence of the watchman with God's goodness and mercies toward him will enable him to achieve further things:

5. He will sacrifice and give to God and serve Him in His church: ***“6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his***

tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.” (Psalm 27:6 KJV) When God will give us victories over our enemies, that will encourage us and motivate us to give to God what is due for him, not only of tithes, firstfruits and various offerings but as well as giving Him our time and efforts and serve Him in His sanctuary, His church and in His various ministries.

6. The watchman has the confidence to cry to God and to approach Him in prayer: *“7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.” (Psalm 27:7 KJV)* The watchman pleads with God for mercy and cry to Him to receive help from Him and answer his prayer. **We need to continue in our prayers and supplications unto God trusting that He is the only way for us to be relieved from our troubles.** Beautifully David entrusted his prayer unto God, *“9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.” (Psalm 27:9 KJV)* In the same when we are in troubles and the enemy is pressing hard against us we need to pray and speak to God, *“Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.”*

7. The watchman has the confidence that even when very near people will leave him but the Lord shall receive him and take care of him: *“10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.” (Psalm 27:10 KJV)* **Very near people that you are depending on may leave you in times of trouble for whatever reason. But the Lord will neither leave you nor forsake you.** The watchman has the confidence that God will fill for him the space of whoever person is leaving him. **In the same way apply this verse in your life and claim it to happen that whatever person who is near to you is leaving you, then you need to trust God that He will help you and stand beside you and will fill the place of that person and his rule and his contribution in your life. Trust Him and have confidence in Him.**

8. The watchman is humble and will ask the Lord to teach him: *“11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.” (Psalm 27:11 KJV)* **As you humble down before God and asking Him to teach you His ways and to lead you in a way to avoid people who are oppressing you, then you will be lifted up and the Lord will answer you and teach you His safe way to serve Him and to live for Him.**

9. The watchman will ask God to protect him from his enemies and those who are waiting for him to fall: *“12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.” (Psalm 27:12 KJV)* **As long as your heart and motive is clean, then have the confidence to pray and to ask God to protect you from the enemies who are looking for opportunities to harm you. Many may rise up against you and try to harm because of your firm stand with God. But God will neither leave you nor forsake you, for He will come to rescue you from their harm and violence.**

10. The watchman has the confidence to declare to others and testify: *“13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the*

living.” (Psalm 27:13 KJV) **Your experience with God and how He had rescued you from your troubles even when you fainted and your strength almost gone, will be a good testimony to others to follow God. Therefore continue to testify and be a good encourager to others who are passing in troubles and trials because of their righteousness and good stand with God. Encourage them that God shall help them, deliver them and save them from troubles and will provide all their needs.**

My Dear and Beloved: As a watchman I am encouraging you to trust God and wait for Him, seek Him, draw near to Him, and walk in His ways till He comes and save you, **“14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.” (Psalm 27:14 KJV)**

- **Wait on the LORD:** Don't do your own will or plan.
- **be of good courage,** don't be afraid, stand firm against the enemies and don't bow to their pressures.
- **and he shall strengthen thine heart:** God shall strengthen you and give you confidence in your heart.
- **wait, I say, on the LORD.** Wait for His reward and wait for His second coming to take us with and forever to Heaven.

Let us pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that help me to see your goodness to me. Lord thank you for the encouragement that I received from you and the lifting up of my faith and my heart. Lord thank you for all the good things that you added to my life.*

Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess your doubts and lack of faith in God. Confess your worldliness and your love for material things. Confess that you are seeking the hand of God only and not His face. Confess and renounce your fear of man. Confess of your lack of trust in God. Confess your non willingness to stand firm for God and suffer for Him. Confess your non willingness to give your life to God and serve Him. Lord I repent, forgive me the following sins _____.

Lord at this very critical time and the trouble that I am passing through _____, Lord I ask you to help me and deliver me from my enemies and from those who breath violence against me. Lord Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence. Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. “Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.” This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord I commit myself to spread this Word of yours and to encourage the people around me of how I experienced your goodness in my life. Lord anoint my testimony and use it to motivate others to put their full trust on you.

Lord, thank you for all my Brothers and Sisters who had repented of their sins and committed their lives fully to you. Lord deliver them from all their troubles and help them to go forward in serving you, standing firm with you and on your Word that you will neither leave them nor forsake them for you will strengthen them with your grace and mercy and will be with them in passing all their battles. Lord use their lives as good testimonies to others to know you. Lord make of them watchmen and watchwomen who are fruitful and good example to others to follow.

Lord, bless us as your church, and help us to continue to stand firm against all the vises of the enemy and we trust you Lord that you will give us the victory on them. Lord raise up more workers with us to serve you. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit, lead us to go and evangelize, making new disciples, and training new workers to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord prepare us for your coming to be ready when you come to take us. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.

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