尋求神的面 Seeking God's Face

詩篇 Psalm 27:1-14

- ¹ 耶和華是我的亮光,是我的救恩, 我還怕誰呢?
 - 耶和華是我性命的避難所,我還懼誰呢?
- ²那些作惡的,就是我的敵人、我的仇敵, 他們逼近我,要吃我肉的時候,就絆跌仆倒。
- 3雖有軍兵紮營攻擊我,我的心也不害怕; 雖然發動戰爭攻擊我,我仍舊安穩。
- 4有一件事我求過耶和華,我還要尋求;
 - 我要一生一世住在耶和華的殿裡, 瞻仰他的榮美,在他的殿中求問。

5因為在我遭難的日子, 他必把我藏在他的帳棚裡, 把我隱藏在他帳幕的隱密處, 又把我高舉在磐石上。

6現在,我可以抬起頭來,

高過我四周的仇敵;

我要在他的帳幕裡,

獻上歡呼的祭;

我要歌唱,

頌讚耶和華。

- 7 耶和華啊! 我發聲呼求的時候,求你垂聽; 求你恩待我,應允我。
- 8 你說:"你們要尋求我的面!" 那時我的心對你說:"耶和華啊! 你的面我正要尋求。"
- 9 求你不要向我掩面,

不要發怒趕逐你的僕人,你一向是幫助我的。 拯救我的神啊!

求你不要撇下我,

也不要離棄我。

10 雖然我的父母離棄我,耶和華卻收留我。

- 11 耶和華啊!求你指示我你的道路; 為我仇敵的緣故引導我走平坦的路。
- 12 求你不要照著我敵人的心願, 把我交給他們, 因為有作假見證的人起來攻擊我, 並且口出兇暴的話。
- 13 我還是相信,在活人之地, 我可以看見耶和華的恩惠。
- 14 你要等候耶和華,要剛強,要堅定你的心,要等候耶和華。

- ¹The 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?
- ² When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.
- Though 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.
- ⁵ For 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.
- ⁶ Then 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.

- ⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.
- ⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.
- ⁹ Do 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.

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

- ¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.
- ¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.
- ¹³ I remain confident of this:
 - I will see the goodness of the LORD
 - in the land of the living.
- ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

- 1. Fear of Foe (vv. 1-6) 懼怕鬥爭 Philistines, Saul, Abner, Joab, Michal, Absalom
- 2. Fear of Failure (vv. 7-10) 害怕失敗
- Fail in doing God's work is temporary failure
- 做事的失敗是一事的失敗、
- Fail in being God's servant is lifelong failure
- 做人的失敗是一生的失敗。
- Success in doing God's work is temporary success做事成功是一時的成功、
- Success in being God's servant is lifelong success 做人成功是一生的成功。

Know how to care for others

先懂做人後才做事,才能成功!

3. Fear of Future (vv. 11-14) 恐怕未來

路10:20耶穌勸門徒不要因鬼服了而歡喜,乃要因名字記在生命冊上而歡喜。

Next generation

馬丁路德改教後五百年,教會四分五裂,各宗派百花齊放。

13節提到「在活人之地見神恩goodness! 要耐著性子等候神!

前途未卜、要努力傳福音、自己常常温習其內容, 隨時傳正道!存好天國的帳號!