

“No Time for Worry or Fear”

Text – Psalm 27

- A. Fear is a universal _____.
 - B. Fear can be a detrimental _____.
 - C. Paralyzing, debilitating fear is a _____.
1. Fear does not come from _____.

2 Timothy 1:7 - ⁷ For God hath **not given us the spirit of fear** [*cowardice; timidity*]; but of power [*ability to overcome*], and of love [*self-sacrificing love*], and of a sound mind [*disciplined; self-controlled; in control of one’s emotions, feelings, thoughts*].

2. Those who _____ God perfectly [*with all their heart, soul, and mind*] will not be _____ to fear.
(Dt. 6:5; Mt. 22:37; Mk. 12:30; Luke 10:27)

1 John 4:18 - ¹⁸ **There is no fear** [*terror; alarm; flight; dread*] **in love** [*self-sacrificing love*]; **but perfect** [*mature; aged; full grown*] **love** [*self-sacrificing love*] **casteth** [*throw violently; strike down; drives*] **out fear**: because fear hath torment [*inflicts; punishes*]. He that feareth [*frighten; arrested by phobia*] is not made perfect [*complete; finish*] in love. [*i.e. The fearful lack power with God; they are spiritually immature*]

D. Psalm 27 is a song of David that addresses fear and worry.

I. “Whom Shall I Fear?” (Psalm 27:1)

- A. The LORD is my _____ (27:1a)
- B. The LORD is my _____ (27:1b)
- C. The LORD is my _____ (*refuge; fortress*). (27:1c)

II. Why Should I Not Be Afraid? (Ps. 27:1d) – Three Qualities of Fearless Faith:

- A. Faith is _____ (*strengthened; proven*) upon life experiences. (27:2)
- B. Faith _____ a believer’s confidence for the future. (27:3)
- C. Faith _____ a believer’s outlook on life. (27:4-6)
 1. We need _____ to dominate us above all other things. (27:4)
 2. Why is the dominance of “one thing,” one vision, one desire so important? (27:5-6)

III. When assailed by fear, believers put their faith in: (27:7-13)

- A. Divine _____ (*Grace*) (27:7) - Assurance God hears and answers prayer.
- B. Divine _____ (27:8-10)

C. Divine _____ (Guidance) (27:11)

1. O LORD, “**Teach** me thy **way** [Law]” (27:11a)

Psalm 119:97-98 - ⁹⁷ O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸ Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.

Psalm 119:105 - ¹⁰⁵ Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

2. O LORD, “**Lead** me in a **plain** [straight; just; righteous] path” (27:11b)

Psalm 119:101 - ¹⁰¹ I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

D. Divine _____ (Protection) (2:12) – “**Deliver me**”

Conclusion - _____ **faith in the LORD** overcomes _____ **fear**. (27:13-14)

A. _____ of Patient Faith (27:13-14)

B. What are some things or people you fear and what are you going to do about them?

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 - ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
⁵ **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ;

Ephesians 6:10-13 - ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, **be strong** in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
¹¹ **Put on the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.
¹³ Wherefore **take unto you the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.