

He's Everything to Me

Psalm 27

Fear and insecurity drain us and can paralyze us. Desire can distract us or completely absorb us. At the same time, when properly directed, desire can empower us. In this world there are many forms of escape **from** reality: coping mechanisms to supposedly survive stress and boredom. A relationship with Christ removes fear and insecurity. A relationship with Christ gives us a way to focus our desires, so that our lives are powerful, joyful and meaningful. A relationship with Christ provides a way to escape **into** reality: to deliver us from the deceptions and intimidations of the world. Let's see how Psalm 27 helps us in three ways to appreciate and make full use of our relationship with Christ.

He's My Confidence – Psalm 27:1-3

- “Light” drives away fears, doubts and darkness (Psalm 97:11; Ephesians 5:8-21; I John 1:5-10).
- “Salvation” brings deliverance (Psalm 56:9-13; II Corinthians 1:10; Galatians 1:3-4; I John 5:4-5).
- “Strength” causes us to be a positive influence, rather than a “victim” (Psalm 18:28-35; Matthew 5:13-16; Ephesians 3:14-19; II Timothy 1:6-12).
- Psalm 27:10 – Our relationship with Christ is greater than all human relationships (Isaiah 49:13-16).
- Psalm 27:13 – Never give up! (Luke 18:1-8).
- Consider Christ – Philippians 1:6; 3:3; 4:6-9, 11, 13, 19.

He's My Desire – Psalm 27:4

- We need singleness of mind & heart (Matthew 6:19-24; James 1:2-8; Matthew 22:36-40).
- Psalm 27:6 – If we do not celebrate our relationship with Christ, we will not be able to live for Him (Psalm 32:11; 33:1; Nehemiah 8:10b; I John 1:3-4).
- Psalm 27:7-8 – If we desire that God hear us, we should also be willing to hear Him (Psalm 66:18; I John 3:22; 5:14).
- Psalm 27:11 – Our desire for Him opens our hearts to be taught of Him (Psalm 119:10-12, 68).
- Psalm 27:14 – The Lord is worth waiting for (John 6:66-69; James 4:8-10; I Peter 5:6-10).
- Consider Christ – Philippians 1:21; 3:8-10, 13-15; 4:4

He's My Hiding Place – Psalm 27:5

- **Two Aspects:** 1) God, in his sovereignty, invisibly protects us – without us even asking. 2) We are to consciously resort to God – flee to Him for protection.
- **He hides me:** (Psalm 27:5, 10 cp. 31:19-21) God is my Shield (3:3; 5:12; 18:35; 28:7; 33:20; 84:9; 115:9-11). See also Psalm 91; Proverbs 3:25-26.
- **I hide myself in Him:** I seek the Lord in time of need (Psalm 27:9-13 cp. 56:1-13; 94:17-19; 118:5-9; Proverbs 18:10; Isaiah 26:3); God is my Sanctuary “You are my hiding place” (Psalm 119:114)
- Consider Christ – Philippians 3:8-9; Romans 8:28-39; Galatians 1:3-4; Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 3:1-3; Hebrews 4:14-16. See also Isaiah 32:1-2 (a prophecy of Christ).