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Will Today be Victorious?

How deeply are you willing to believe? How much effort are you willing to place in the truth of a text? If your answer to both of these questions is as follows: “I am will to do so with all my heart,” the victory is yours. Here is the text for your consideration.

Psalm 27

¹ The 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^[a] me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

⁴ One 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.

As you breathe in air to your lungs that oxygen may fill your body, breathe in deeply the words of the psalmist! Make them your own! Let nothing minimize the importance of these words. As the hours of the day pass, let these words refresh you. Wear them like a garment and they will keep you warm when the chill of fear tries to set in. Grasp them like a shield and they will quench the fiery darts of the wicked. Your day can be victorious when a firm-footed belief leads the way!