

6-Oct-2024 | Discussion Questions
One Thing I Ask of the LORD (Psalm 27) | Bro. Seng Guan

Objective: This message aims to exhort and encourage Christians to trust the LORD, seek and ask for an abiding relationship with him, and wait for him with patience and determination.

Applications: The psalm would have been most meaningful to worshipers who had been accused and attacked by their enemies and were concerned that God had deserted them. The purpose of the psalm was to encourage these worshipers to trust in God, desire God, and petition him to be with them. They would commit themselves to waiting on God and remaining determined patiently. God will protect and exalt them over their enemies; he is their helper and Savior, and they will experience his goodness.

1) Read Ps 27:1-3

- a. How does the psalmist demonstrate his faith in God during adversities?

- b. What are the greatest sources of fear in your life? How can you apply what you learned and use it in your situation?

2) Read Ps 27:4-6

- a. What is the 'one thing' the psalmist asked of the LORD? Does this surprise you? What do you think of his request?

- b. Do you think the confidences of the psalmist in Ps 27:1-3 were connected to the 'one thing' he seeks in verse 4? How?

- c. What is the source of joy for the psalmist? What about your joy or happiness? Does it match what has been described in these verses?

3) Read Psalm 27:7-12

- a. If the psalmist was so confident in God and his devotion to Him was true and sincere (v1-6), why did he feel that God was far away and cry out to him (v7 & 9)?
- b. What did the psalmist do to deal with (a)?
- c. Have you ever felt God has forsaken you and isn't answering your prayer? How did you respond?
- d. Did this passage change how you respond to God when he is silent? In what way?

4) Read Psalm 27:13-14

- a. How can you be strong while waiting for the LORD for deliverance?
 - i. Share your insight from the text.
 - ii. Share your insight from your personal experience. (if any)
- b. What are the truths in Psalm 27 (the entire psalm) that encourage your heart? Which truths challenge you?
- c. After studying this psalm, what is the 'one thing' you desire from the LORD?