

*Boasting in the Midst of Darkness*  
Psalm 27

<sup>27:1</sup>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?  
<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.  
<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.  
<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple.  
<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his  
tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.  
<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.  
<sup>7</sup>Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
<sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."  
<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
<sup>10</sup>For my father and my mother have forsaken  
me,  
but the Lord will take me in.  
<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
<sup>12</sup>Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.  
<sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the  
goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!  
<sup>14</sup>Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord! (ESV)