SERMON NOTES

"How approach God for deliverance" (Psalm 27)

Verse to Remember: One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple. (Psalm 27:4).

Notes and Scripture References:
- Enemies can be flesh and blood, but also spiritual enemies like fear, doubt, depression, hopelessness, anxiety, lies (v.12), and temptation.
- The enemies are prevalent, but it is clear from the start that there is no reason to fear with God as our light, our salvation, our stronghold. There is a comparable passage in Romans 8:31-39.

How to approach God for deliverance
1. Behold his beauty
- He is our light (cf. Ps 4:6; 18:28; 43:3; Is 9:2; 49:5-6; John 8:12).
- He is our salvation. He saves us from our enemies and from our sin.
- He is our stronghold (v.1). He gives us protection from our enemies and provides us a place of peace (v.6).

What do you find beautiful about God (both who he is and what he has done)?

2. Inquire of him (seek him more deeply)
- Praise him for his beauty (v.6b).
- Seek deeply and meditate on what you find (v.4).
- Seek to be hidden, protected, and delivered (v.5).
- Seek forgiveness from him and that he would make your path straight (v.11).
- *How are you seeking to know God more deeply? What are you inquiring of him?*

3. Wait for him in faith
- Behold the beauty of the Lord, enquire in his temple, and then wait there (it is a beautiful place to wait).
- Keep enquiring even if you are doubting; know that seeking is what God wants you to do (v.8).
- Let him remove the fear and bring the confidence (v.3).
- Trust that he is there even if all other abandon (v.10).
- *How long do you wait for God before doubting whether he will show? How long should we?*

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