



Surviving Life's Dark Places

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I. David acknowledges his intelligent
dependency upon God

For Light

For Salvation

For Strength

For Sustainer

King James Version

27 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of
my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked, even mine enemies and
my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh,
they stumbled and fell.

³ Though an host should encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear: though war should
rise against me, in this will I be confident.

II. David expresses his Intense
Desire for the presence of
God.

4 One thing have I desired 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 behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

III. David engages in an Impassioned Dialog with God

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice:
have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

⁸ When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my
heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I
seek.

⁹ Hide not thy face far from me; put not
thy servant away in anger: thou hast been
my help; leave me not, neither forsake
me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

¹² Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.