



Midweek Study

Rev. Gary Robertson
Associate Pastor for Missions & Evangelism



Where is Your Confidence?

Psalms 27:1-14

1) David's confidence was in the LORD (vs 1-3)

- A. He called on the name of the LORD – **The LORD**
- B. David personalized the Name – **My light and my salvation ... my stronghold**
- C. David remembered God's faithfulness –

Application – David was confident and strengthened in the LORD, his God because he knew God's character and how God had been faithful to him in his past.

2) Abiding in God's presence (vs 4-6)

- A. David desired to be in God's presence always – **dwell in the house of the Lord**

Peace is not the absence of trouble. It is knowing the presence of God in the midst of trouble.

- B. David desired to know God more deeply – **gaze on the beauty of the Lord**

When I say that a man is a perfect singer, I qualify that in my mind. I think, well, he does the best that a person can. But when I say that God is holy, I do not qualify it. I mean it fully and completely. God is what He is and that's it. God's power and being, His wisdom and knowledge, His holiness and goodness, His justice and mercy, His love and grace – all of these are more than attributes of God – are in shining, full, uncreated perfection. They are called the beauty of our Lord and God.

A.W. Tozer - Attributes of God - Volume I page 186

C. David wanted to know more of God and his ways – **inquire in his temple**

Application – Growing deeper in our knowledge of God is a lifelong pursuit. We can always grow more in our knowledge because knowledge of God’s character and his attributes are inexhaustible.

D. David knew that safety and deliverance were found in God’s presence – vs 5-6

Application – Be confident in the faithfulness of the LORD in your time of need. Worship the Lord and see how He will comfort and encourage you to continue walking in faith in spite of your circumstances.

3) Seeking to know God intimately (vs 7-12)

A. David called out to God in prayer (vs 7) – **Hear. O LORD, when I cry**

B. David accepted God’s invitation to seek Him (vs 8-11) – **You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, I do seek.** - Jeremiah 29:13, Proverbs 8:17

C. Based on his relationship with God, David sought his instruction and guidance (vs 12)

Application – God wants us to call out to Him in prayer and petition. He wants us to first seek Him and then find out how He wants to guide and instruct us at all times and especially in times of uncertainty and trouble.

4) Strengthened in His Faith (vs 13-14)

A. David was confident in the Lord’s goodness and his hope was in Him – (vs 13)

ESV – **I believe that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

NKJV - **I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

B. David’s advice is to wait expectantly for the LORD with every confidence in his deliverance – (vs 14) - **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”**

Application – Waiting is not a passive thing. It requires:

- 1) Remembering God’s faithfulness in the past
- 2) Growing in our knowledge and understanding of God’s character and attributes
- 3) Calling out in prayer to God for His presence and direction
- 4) Looking to God with expectant confidence of His goodness and faithfulness