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**Title: How to Conquer Fear**

**Reference: Psalm 27**

Nothing can happen to Christians without God allowing it. Even the devil had to ask God to take His hand off of Job so he could touch him.

Verses 1-3: David is talking about fear. People fear many things. Don't be afraid. II Timothy 1:7  
There is a productive fear - Reverential fear, that is, fear of God. Ecclesiastes 12:13 – "Fear God and Keep his commandments..."

You can hide your sins from the preacher but not from God. There is no fear and respect anymore.

#### 1) Fear should be focused on the right place (The Lord)

Verse 1 – The Lord is your light. We are like the moon. Just as the moon reflects light from the sun, we are to reflect light from Jesus. "In Him there is no darkness at all" (I John 1:5).

The Lord is your salvation. Salvation = deliverer. Psalm 18:2 – David says God is everything he needs. The Lord is your protector (Psalm 62, Romans 8:31).

Remember Joshua when God told him to take off his shoes, for he was standing on holy ground. Remember Jesus sleeping in the boat during the storm (Mark 4:36-41).

The Lord is your strength. God can handle all your problems. Cast your problems on Jesus.

"Pull me out of the net" – Psalm 7:15, Matthew 26:27. God is like a boomerang, whatever trap the enemy lays out for you comes back to them. Remember Haman being hung on the gallows he had built for Mordecai. God will take care of His people. Remember Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace.

#### 2) My enemies are God's enemies

Verse 2 – Psalm 3:7 A pack of lions won't go after a giraffe because the giraffe can kick them and break their jaw. A lion with a broken jaw is a dead lion. The devil is like a lion with a broken jaw- he can't do anything because God has already defeated him. Job said they "fall under feet."

Joshua 10:24-25 - You don't have to worry/fear your enemies. Stop fearing what they can do to you. God is your light. Isaiah said the "enemies stumble."

Psalm 23:5 – God prepares a table before you, He exalts you in their presence.

Gamaliel said to the Pharisees regarding Peter and James in Acts 5:38-39 – If they are for God, you fight them, you fight God.

Remember Absalom, David's son. The Bible calls him beautiful and he had long, flowing hair. While on his way to kill David, his father, His hair got caught in a tree. Joab, one of David's men, found him and killed him. Even though that was David's son, he was an enemy of David and therefore an enemy of God.

Psalm 44:6-7 – God doesn't need a weapon, just someone sold out for Him. Remember David when he killed the bear and the lion that came for his father's sheep. Don't trust in yourself. God gave David the strength to take down the lion, the bear, and later on, Goliath.

Christians, you need to stop stressing. God has the whole world in His hand.

### 3) Be determined to WAIT until your change comes

Verse 14 – Stop worrying and wait on the Lord.

God to Joshua to "be strong and of good courage."

Isaiah 40:31 – An eagle is a bird with wings six feet long. They fly towards the sun (A picture of God) above the storm.

Stop looking at the storm and look at Jesus. Remember Peter walking on the water. He was fine as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus. When he began to look at the storm around him, he began to sink and cried out for Jesus to save him.

No matter what, God is in control.