

Songs of Experience
3. Confidence (Psalm 27)

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Introduction: What makes rulers confident?

Confidence in the Lord

The Beauty of the Lord

The Goodness of the Lord

Conclusion

Psalm 27 (NIV)

- ¹ 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?
- ² When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.
- ³ Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.
- ⁴ One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- ⁷ Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.
- ⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I will seek.
- ⁹ Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior.
- ¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me,

the Lord will receive me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.

¹³ I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.