

Passage Psalm 27

## Step 1: Content

List out the facts in 10-20 statements

- 27:1a The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear  
27:1b The Lord is the defense of my life: whom shall I dread  
27:2 When evildoers, my adversaries and enemies, came upon me to devour my flesh, they stumbled/fell  
27:3a Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear  
27:3b Though war break out against me, in spite of this I shall be confident  
27:4 I have asked the Lord one thing and that is what I will seek – to dwell in His house and all my life and behold His beauty and meditate in His temple  
27:5 In the day of trouble He will hide me in His tabernacle and tent and lift me up upon a rock  
27:6a And then my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me  
27:6b And I will offer shouts and sacrifices and praises of joy in His tent  
27:7 Hear me and answer me when I cry O God  
27:8 When You told me to seek Your face, I said that I will do it  
27:9 Do not hide Your face from me, or turn away in anger or forsake me, because You are my salvation  
27:10 My father and mother have forsaken me but I know that You will take me up  
27:11 Teach me Your way and lead me in a level path, because of my foes  
27:12a Don't deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries  
27:12b False witnesses have risen against me and they are breathing out violence  
27:13 I would despair if I didn't believe that I would see Your goodness in the land of the living  
27:14a Wait for the Lord  
27:14b Be strong and let your heart take courage

## Step 2: Divisions – Summarizing the Facts

Create 2-4 Division Statements to summarize the facts of the passage

- I. 27:1-3 David declares his confidence in the Lord
- II. 27:4-6 David expresses his desire for God's good presence and protection
- III 27:7-12 David cries out in desperation for God
- IV 27:13-14 David expresses his belief in the goodness of God and the courage to wait for it

## Step 3: Subject Sentence

Use the facts to describe the entire passage in one sentence no more than 12 words long  
David processes through confidence and desperation for God's goodness and protection.

## Step 4: Heart

Consider all the facts to determine the heart of the passage. Write it in one sentence beginning with "To cause the learner to..."

To cause the learner to look to God's goodness of light, protection, presence and salvation during times of trouble.

## Step 5: Specific Application Questions and Ponderings

Create questions and ponderings based on each division (step 2) to help you apply the passage to real life

### Psalm 27:1-3

Read verse 1. Is this my declaration? Why or why not?

Read verse 3 and fill in the blank, "Though \_\_\_\_\_ my heart will not fear. Though \_\_\_\_\_, in spite of this I shall be confident.

How important is it for me to make these decisions about my "vision" ahead of time? Why?

### Psalm 27:4-6

Read verses 4-6.

If I was only allowed to ask the Lord for one thing, what would it be?

Do I think that David had seen the beauty of the Lord before? Why or why not?

### Psalm 27:7-12

Read verses 7-12.

In what ways am I crying out in desperation to the Lord?

In what ways am I crying out in desperation to other sources of help?

### Psalm 27:13-14

Read verses 13-14.

Is there any area of my life where I may be questioning God's goodness?

How can believing in God's goodness protect me from despair and depression?

How am I allowing my heart to take courage?

How do verses 13-14 compare with II Corinthians 4:16-18? Explain my answer.