**August 16, 2022**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**Greater Refuge Memorial Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc.**

596 West Church Street, Orlando, FL 32805 ~ Phone 407.872.1984

Web site [www.RefugeOrlando.com](http://www.RefugeOrlando.com/)

***Pastor M.R. McCoy, Jr., Lead Servant***

***Bishop M. Ruel McCoy, Sr., Pastor Emeritus and Diocesan***

**"WAIT, I SAY, ON THE LORD”**

**Psalms 27:1-14**

***Psalms 27:1 "{[A Psalm] of David.} 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?"***

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. When we truly receive the Lord Jesus in His fullness, we are overwhelmed in our inner being with this great Light.

***John 1:4 (KJV)   
4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.***

***John 3:21 (KJV)   
21But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.***

***John 8:12 (KJV)   
12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.***

***Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."***

If Christ lives in me, then I am full of His Light, because He is the Light of the world. Light does away with darkness. To have Christ {the Light} in me, means His Light has dissipated {done away with} all darkness within me. Light destroys darkness. You cannot be full of Light and full of darkness at the same time. He is our salvation, also.

***Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."***

Jesus means Saviour. He is our salvation. Fear is lack of faith. All throughout the Bible, we are taught not to fear except to fear, or reverence God. In the 11th chapter of Hebrews, you will find a very long list of those who did not fear but had faith in God. Faith pleases God. The following verse that Jesus spoke sums this verse up completely.

***Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes, [and] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."***

***Psalms 27:2 "When the wicked, [even] mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell."***

David had so many enemies who were trying to destroy him from every side. The worst were some of his own household who turned against him and wanted to utterly destroy him. Can you relate to this problem that David had? All believers can relate to this. His enemies and our enemies trying to destroy us will stumble and fall, because God will fight our battle for us.

***Psalm 56:1-4 (KJV)   
1 Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.   
2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High.   
3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.   
4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.***

***Psalms 27:3 "Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this [will] I [be] confident."***

We have already related in these lessons about Gideon's army, and how God took just a handful of His people and destroyed a mighty host of the enemy. David, remembering this, could take courage and know that no harm will come to him. War may come even to us, but we should feel no alarm. God is our protector.

***Psalms 91:7 "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee."***

If we are covered in the blood of Jesus, the enemy will flee. It was the shed blood of Jesus our Christ that defeated Satan.

***Colossians 1:19-22 (KJV)   
19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;   
20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.   
21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled   
22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight***:

***Psalms 27:4 "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 inquire in his temple."***

This desire that David speaks here, is the desire of all believers. The most beautiful answer to David's prayer and our prayer for the same thing is found in the following Scriptures.

***John 14:1-3***

***1 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."***

***2 "In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."***

***3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also."***

The tabernacle in the wilderness was patterned after the great temple in the heavens. Everyone who ever lived has desired to live forever. The Christian desires to live in heaven forever. Wherever Jesus is will be heaven to me. We are told that the believers in Christ will be gathered around His beautiful throne in heaven.

***Revelation 7:9 "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;"***

***Revelation 7:13-14***

***13 "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they?"***

***14 "And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."***

***Psalms 27:5 "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."***

Christians would say, build a hedge around me Lord that my enemies cannot get to me. David's security, as our security, is in the Lord. Jesus Christ is the Rock of foundation that we should build upon. If I am on the Rock, the storms may come, but I will not be moved.

***Psalms 27:6 "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."***

This song is a song of victory. David has made up his mind, even before the battle starts, that he will be victorious. This celebrating was not for himself but was actually songs and praises to God. Notice, David reminds God that he will go to the place of worship and sing praises to God. When victory comes, many times we forget who won the victory, and we forget to praise God for it.

***Psalms 27:7 "Hear, O LORD, [when] I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me."***

David feels that his deeds will not get answers from God. Our good deeds will not get us audience with God either. It is the mercy of God that He even listens to our prayers and then answers them. Look with me at just one related Scripture that truly explains this.

***Titus 3:5 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"***

God does hear every prayer. He has mercy and helps us when we cry out to Him.

***Psalms 27:8 "[When thou saidst], Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek."***

Jesus is coming back for those who are looking for Him. Seek Him and you shall find Him. David was instructed to seek the face of God. We, too, must seek the face {will} of God in our life.

***Colossians 3:1 "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."***

***Psalms 27:9 "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."***

Have you ever prayed and felt that God was hiding from you and did not hear your prayer? This is what David is praying against here. The God of the Christian's salvation is Jesus Christ. The promise of God to man is, I will never leave you, nor forsake you.

***Psalms 27:10 "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up."***

Never in history has there been a time where parents have forsaken their children, as there is now. Newborn babies are found abandoned in all sorts of places. 2nd Timothy describes just such an era as we are living in. One of the statements it makes about this generation is that they are lacking in natural affection.

***2 Timothy 3:1-7 (KJV)   
1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.   
2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,   
3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,   
4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;   
5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.   
6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,   
7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.***

The wonderful promise that we have from God tells us that, He will never leave us. Children, you may feel alone and unloved, but God loves you and is always there when you need Him.

***Psalms 27:11 "Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies."***

The way to everlasting life is not a broad and easy way. It is a narrow, straight path. Look at the next Scripture which verifies that.

***Matthew 7:14 "Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."***

This Scripture was spoken by Jesus. Notice, in the verse above which path we should be seeking.

Thy path means not the way we want to go, but the way God would have us go. David has enemies on every side, who would like to destroy him. Christians have enemies, who would like to destroy them, also. It was the church people of Jesus' day who tried the hardest to destroy Him. Brothers and sisters in Christ from different denominations are sometimes each other's worst enemies. Why can't we realize we will all have to live together in heaven? We might as well try to learn to get along here on the earth.

***Psalms 27:12 "Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty."***

Jesus was condemned by false witnesses. They really had nothing to accuse Him of worthy of any punishment, let alone death. The will of David's enemies was to destroy him. The will of our enemies is to get rid of us. The will of Jesus' enemies was to crucify Him. The greatest cruelty was the crucifixion of Jesus without a cause. I believe the statement {breathe out} means their spirit wanted Him destroyed. The breath of man has to do with his spirit.

***Psalms 27:13 "[I had fainted], unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living."***

The faint, in the verse above, really means lost hope. His hope was in the goodness of the Lord. We Christians are not like the world, who have no hope. We have hope of the resurrection. The land of the living is the land of eternal life. We, too, would be ready to give up, if this life was all

there was, but we, too, have tasted of the goodness of God and have hopes of everlasting life in the land of the living.

***Psalms 27:14 "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."***

Notice, in the next verse, what the world says to those of us who are looking for the coming of Christ.

***II Peter 3:4 "And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation."***

God cannot and will not lie. He said He was Coming again, and I believe He is. The following Scripture describes what Christian's should be doing.

***Titus 2:13 "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"***

The world around us may look as if it is falling apart, but we should look up and rejoice, for our redemption draweth nigh.

***Luke 21:28 "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."***

**Questions**

1. The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
3. When we truly receive the Lord Jesus Christ in His fullness, what happens to us?
4. What does away with darkness?
5. What does disappated mean?
6. What is fear?
7. What is the only thing permissable to fear?
8. Why will our enemies, who try to destroy us, stumble and fall?
9. What specifically defeated Satan?
10. In verse 4 of this lesson, what was the one thing he sought after?
11. Who is the Rock of our salvation?
12. The celebrating, David was doing in verse 6, was actually what?
13. It is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God that He listens and answers our prayers.
14. Who is Jesus coming back for?
15. Where is Christ sitting now?
16. Who is the God of the Christian's salvation?
17. What does the statement {lacking in natural affection} mean?
18. When your mother and father abandon you, who can you depend on?
19. The way to everlasting life is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ path.
20. Jesus was condemned by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
21. What was the will of Jesus' enemies?
22. What is {faint} in verse 13 really speaking of?
23. What is the Christian's hope?
24. What is the land of the living?
25. What should Christians be doing, while they are waiting for the return of the Lord?