

## Speak to My Heart

*Psalm 27:1-4 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

*1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold[a] of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall. 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. 4 One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live 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.*

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to Psalm 27 as we lift up the Name of the Lord. Our key verse is verse four.

***In Psalm 27:4; David wrote that the only thing he desired was to seek the Lord in His sanctuary and to gaze upon His breath-taking beauty.*** We aren't told when, but apparently David had experienced such a holy experience (Psalm 63:1-2) and it left him longing, desiring, wanting for more.

When I wake up in the morning, I start by saying "Thank You Lord for Waking Us Up Today." I realize that my eyes are open to the beauty of the Lord. How do you start your day after waking up? Do you take time to acknowledge the Lord as Savior? Do you take a moment to pray or at least tell God how much you love Him? As we do a self-assessment and explore these interrogatives, it's important to understand that God truly woke us up and started us on our way.

As we take a glimpse into David's life, Psalms 63:1-2 shares that David had a revelation of the beauty of God. Once he saw it, he just couldn't let it go. He longed to see it again. You may have never felt God palpably present, but have you ever sensed the presence of His Spirit - however briefly or faintly? Think

about it for a moment. God still requires you to follow Him by faith, but it's wonderful when He gives you a passing glimpse of His beauty.

When I think about beauty, many see beauty in people, such as actors, models, and celebrities. Many see beauty in places, such as Appalachian Mountains, the Grand Canyon, and the China Wall. Many see beauty in the mountains and the oceans. David saw the beauty of the Lord. It so captivated his heart that he declared that the only thing... The only thing that I desire... The only thing that I want... The only thing that I want real bad... was to seek the Lord in His Sanctuary. It's so beautiful...

David understood the power of the Sanctuary. I feel that it will empower us all to seek the Lord in His Sanctuary, whether it be in the church, secret closets, hospital, shelter, soup kitchen, in our homes, in our automobiles, at our jobs, in our hearts, wherever the Lord allows a Sanctuary for us to Worship HIM.

David said...I'm gonna gaze, stare, and look upon His breath-taking beauty. My brothers and sisters, there is a place in the Lord that is so beautifully captivating that our hearts will simply pause, gaze, stare, and say "My, My, My." Once you have an experience with God, you will never be the same. The message of the Cross is powerful and the beauty of it is centered in love. Think about it for a moment. God still requires you to follow Him by faith, but it's wonderful when He gives you a passing glimpse of His beauty.

In closing, ***In Psalm 27:4; David wrote that the only thing he desired was to seek the Lord in His sanctuary and to gaze upon His breath-taking beauty.*** A recurrent theme in the Bible is this: if God's people repent, He forgives their sins. David declared that he'd confess his transgressions to the Lord, because

every time he'd done it in the past, God had forgiven him and removed his guilt (Psalm 32:5). Saints, remember that while we were lost in Sin, God redeemed us through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The Lord has a way of Speaking to Our Hearts. Salvation belongs to you through Jesus Christ. Romans 10:9 declares that if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Today, allow the Lord to Speak to your heart and seek the Lord in His sanctuary and gaze upon His breath-taking beauty.

Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lord, If we have not told You lately, Thank You for forgiving us of our sin. Thank You Lord for Blessing Us with life more abundantly.