**Hope in Despair – Ps. 27:14**

**Focal Truth: Seek God’s help in your despair**

**Observation**

1. **Remind yourself of God’s past help 27:1 – 3**
2. Remind yourself that saves through Jesus Christ – no need to fear

*The Lord is my light and my salvation, Whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the defense of my life, Whom shall I dread?*

*Despair fears & Despair dreads! Who do you fear today? Who do you dread today?*

1. Remind yourself that God has saved you in the past – enemies stumbled and fell

*When evil doers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies they stumbled and fell*

1. Remind yourself that God will save you in future – no fear, confidence

*Though a host encamp against me, My heart will not fear; though a war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident*

1. **Think deeply reflecting on God’s perfect beauty 27: 4**

*One thing I have asked from the Lord,* ***that I shall seek****; 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 meditate*** *in His temple*

1. Seek a private place to meet God everyday

*that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life*

*When you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you M6*

1. Set your mind on things above where Christ is seated – Col. 3:1

*to behold the beauty of the Lord*

* Read God’s word recognizing the **delightfulness** of God & His ways
* Read God’s word remembering the **kindness** of God & His ways
* Pray thanking God for his **delightful, pleasant perfections** & His ways
1. Consider how God is at work in your life for His glory

*to meditate in His temple*

* Meditate = inquire – seek understanding from Scripture – Holy Spirit
* Meditate = reflect on how God is working in all conditions for your holiness
* Meditate =**its always good to record what you learn when you meditate!**
1. **Thankfully praise God who helps 27:5 -6**
2. Rejoice in God’s constant protection in days of trouble – **days of trouble will come!**

*For in the day of trouble He will* conceal me in His tabernacle; in the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock

* In the day of trouble, he **conceals** me in His presence
* In the day of trouble, he **hides** me
* In the day of trouble, he **sets me on a firm footing** – no slipping or falling
1. Confidently sing joyfully for victory over the enemy in days of trouble

*And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praise to the Lord*

* Sing with joyfulness in victory in the Lord over enemies
* Sing with praise to the Lord for the victory over enemies

*Greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world! 1 John 4:4*

*I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me – Ps. 13:6*

***Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory thru our Lord Jesus Christ***

1. **Trust Gods goodness for help 27:7 -14**
2. Trust God’s **grace** in despairing times- **be gracious to me & answer me**

*Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice, and be gracious to me and answer me*

1. Keep seeking God’s **presence** in despairing times – **do not forsake or abandon me**

*When you said, seek my face, my heart said to you, Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.*

*Do not hide your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger, you have been my help; do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation!*

*For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me up*

1. Keep following God’s **guidance** in despairing times – **teach me your way &lead me**

*Teach me you way, O Lord, and lead me in a level path because of my foes. Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence*

1. Remain **confidently at rest** in God’s help in despairing times – **I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord**

*I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord*

1. **Wait** for God’s help it will always come just at the right time

*Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord*

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Always seek first the reign of Christ & his righteousness in your life
2. Regardless of life conditions set your mind on the Lord Jesus Christ & His help
3. Never stop seeking God in private worship
4. Ask God for help in every situation

*you will find mercy & grace to help in your time of need!*

*I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord*

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**