



### November 8, 2011 - Psalm 27:7

Hi Everyone,

Last week I encouraged you to review the previous Psalms in our memorization project. I certainly needed to do that and have been reviewing right along with you. In the process, I have had sweet reminders of Truth the Holy Spirit impressed upon my heart along the way. I have had some rich moments as Psalm 143:5, Psalm 143:10, Psalm 101:8 and Psalm 56:13 once more resounded in my heart. So, again this week, I challenge you to go back and review, seeking the Lord's voice through His Word. You will be glad you did! Now as always, the verses keep coming, so let's take a look at the next one.

In the NASB, Psalm 27:7 reads:

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

Sometimes I think we may fail to remember how good it is to be in the Lord's presence. We can get so fixated on what is going on in the here and now, in our present dwelling, in our day to day living, that we forget. Then there's a moment ... maybe a special quiet time with the Lord, a conference that rallies our soul, a worship time or a special message from the Word... that sparks a remembrance in us. As a result, a new yearning comes alive to be in God's presence more and more. Our soul has once again been awakened to the goodness of God and we are convinced how precious it to know the Lord and simply be with Him.

In verses 4-6 of Psalm 27, David had one of those moments as he meditated on the joys of being hid with God. I don't know about you, but it sure got me longing to be with the Lord. As I read verse 7 however, I have to wonder if perhaps as David began to write it, he woke up once again to the reality of his present trials. Here's the thing though, the meditations of his heart displayed in verses 4-6 had great purpose. Even though challenging realities were staring him

in the face, his meditations in verses 4-6 persuaded him to look up to the Lord and wait upon Him. So he doesn't hesitate one second... he humbles himself and simply says, "**Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice...**"

His is a place of neediness... a place of challenge... but a place of humility, too. And more comes pouring out. He says, "**And be gracious to me and answer me.**" To me, verse 7 holds a simple but profound Truth: how good it is to just cry out to God and let Him know we need Him. Humility is a posture before the Lord we must embrace; it is so good for us.

Most of us live in the reality of some trial staring us in the face every day, too; maybe we have several. As you review Psalm 27, verses 4-6 can be such a reminder of how good it is to be hid in God. And verse 7 can remind us to call out to Him in humility for that very thing.

Waiting upon the Lord is looking up to Him with expectant hope... God wants to hear from us. He wants to answer us. He wants to be gracious to us. Humble yourself before Him today and call out to Him. This Truth from verse 7 just might land you in the reality of verses 4-6. I'll see you there!



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