



November 22, 2011 - Psalm 27:9

Hi Everyone,

This week is a special one set aside for the purpose of thankfulness. I imagine many of you have already started taking inventory of the many treasures you have for which you are grateful. One of the things at the top of my list is God's Word. Recently God has shown me the value of these last 16 years spent studying, meditating and memorizing His Word. As God used that foundation He has built in me through His Word in a special way, I couldn't help but be thankful! That thankfulness is part of what compels me to keep meditating on and memorizing scripture. What about you? What motivates you to seek God in His Word and participate in this memorization project? As we move into this week that will more than likely prove to be quite hectic, let's not get distracted from that Word which is so valuable to us. With that in mind, let's look at verse 9.

In the NASB Psalm 27:9 reads:

**"Do not hide Thy face from me, do not turn Thy servant away in anger;
Thou hast been my help; do not abandon me nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation. "**

When I read this, I can't help but hear the desperation in David's voice. We recall that in verse 8, God called David to seek His face and David did just that; He sought God. We don't know exactly what that seeking looked like, but the verse is clear that David obeyed God and sought His face.

When we draw away from the world to seek God, we might be coming from a spectrum of struggle... or the opposite spectrum of celebration... or somewhere in between. Regardless of our starting point, there is much treasure to be found in His presence. One thing that might not look like a treasure on the surface is that we become increasingly aware of our need for God; in

essence we become desperate for Him. As our sight upon the world becomes dimmer, the greatness of our God becomes brighter. The light that shines from His presence also reveals our humanity. In this reality, we recognize our need and often cry out in desperation for our God.

This is exactly what I hear in David's voice within verse 9. There is a desperation:

A desperation for His continued presence. David says, "**Do not hide Thy face from me...**"

A desperation for His favor and forgiveness. David says, "**do not turn Thy servant away in anger...**"

A desperation for His strength. David says, "**Thou hast been my help...**"

A desperation to be continually connected to Him. David says, "**do not abandon me nor forsake me...**"

David sought God's face and found His savior. That is why He calls on the Lord by saying, "**O God of my salvation.**"

What about us? How do we live in the moment before God in that same place of desperation? How do we make that a reality of life? I don't believe there is an exact prescription, but I do believe drawing away and seeking the face of God brings our spiritual reality in full view. What is that reality? *We need God.* We often forget that simple Truth. Oh, we would never say that, but we often live like that.

I have heard several thoughts that I will compile together here as I believe they are quite applicable, "*A man may study because his brain is hungry for knowledge, even Bible knowledge. A man may do many religious things because he longs to appease his guilt. But a man will pray and seek God's face because his soul is hungry for Him.*" This week may our souls be much more hungry for God than the rich feasts we will enjoy for our Thanksgiving meals. He alone can satisfy our true hunger.

Remember the theme of Psalm 27: waiting upon the Lord. Waiting upon the Lord is looking up to God with expectant hope. Interesting... the more we do that, the more we will be aware of how much we need to do that. Plain Truth. Simple Truth. We need God. Turn your eyes upward to Him today and remind yourself. Perhaps in the doing of it, you will do it even more!

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