

A Study of the Wisdom Literature

(OT Survey Lesson 216—Psalms 27-28)

Introduction: Both of these psalms of David concern threats to his life. In Psalm 27, David declares his fearless trust in the Lord, his light and salvation and ask for deliverance from his enemies. In Psalm 28 David again petitions God for deliverance and in the second half of the psalm, thanks Him for hearing the prayer.

Lesson aim: To show the importance of trusting God for all our needs.

A psalm of fearless trust in the Lord—Psalm 27:1-14

1. How did David describe the Lord in the first verse? Consequently, what attitude did he have toward those who might harm him?
2. What happened to David's enemies when they sought to destroy him? (v. 2) David purposed to face even a host at war against him with what? (v. 3)
3. What "one thing" did David seek over all other things? (v. 4) What would he do there?
4. What did he believe the Lord would do for him? (v. 5) What did he say he would do in the Lord's tabernacle? (v. 6)
5. When the Lord said, "Seek my face", what did David do? (v. 8) What then did he ask God not to do? (v. 9) Why? (v. 10)
6. What else did David ask the Lord to do? (v. 11)
7. What did David say had arisen against him? (v. 12) What did David believe he would see? (v. 13)
8. What word of exhortation did he give those who would read the psalm? (v. 14)

A prayer for help and praise for its answer—Psalm 28:1-9

1. What did David plead with God to do? (v. 1-2)
2. David did not want to be dragged away with what kind of people? (v. 3)
3. What did he ask the Lord to do to them? (v. 4) Did he believe the Lord would destroy such wicked men? (v. 5)
4. How does David begin the second half of the psalm? (v. 6) How does he regard the Lord? (v. 7)
5. What attitude toward God led to God's deliverance of David? (v. 7) And when David was delivered, what did he purpose to do? (v. 8)
6. What does David ask God to do for all His people? (v. 9)