

The LORD: My Light, My Salvation, My Stronghold, My Confidence, My Rock!

October 2, 2016 – Psalm 27:1-5; 13-14

“The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty (grace) of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock..... I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the Land of the Living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”

This Psalm is penned by David. David was a shepherd whom the Lord gave the strength to defeat the Lion and the Bear, while watching the sheep of his father Jesse. It was David who God gave the strength to defeat Goliath the Giant Philistine.

It was David, the Shepherd boy who became king over Israel and also fell into the sins of adultery, murder and lies.

It was this David who wrote in our Psalm for today: It is easy to see in this Psalm that David finds his strength in “The Lord”.

In these 7 Verses of our Sermon Text, you will notice that the Phrase, THE LORD appears 8 times.

Each of these 8 times The Hebrew term that is used is - יהוה -

Many people say Jahweh / but it is spoken Adonai, since the Name of God was too HOLY to speak the name Jahweh, and so the people spoke – Adonai. God defines Himself for us very clearly when the Lord appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai.

We hear God’s Definition of Himself in:

Exodus 34:5-7 – “Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with Moses and proclaimed HIS Name, The Lord. And HE passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, The Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished: He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

The sin of the father is that they did not teach their children the Word of the Lord, and so the Children suffer because the children never heard of God’s Salvation.

And Who is THE LORD of Compassion and LOVE?

In **Psalm 23:1** we hear, “THE LORD is My Shepherd.”

Then in **John 10:11** – Jesus tells us that He is The Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”

Jesus is Both - The Good Shepherd and The Lord.

We of course know where and when Christ Jesus the Lord and our Good Shepherd laid down His Life.

He first laid it down by becoming True Man for us when Jesus took on flesh and blood.

He then laid down His Life for us on the cross of Calvary, only to take it up again on the third day by rising from the Dead. Jesus was and is victorious over sin, death and the devil, and has won heaven for us.

Do not put your faith and trust in things that do not and cannot save.

Trust in THE LORD Jesus Christ Who Conquered Death, the Devil and Sin for us.

It is because of THE LORD Jesus Christ that you have the forgiveness of sin and Eternal Life in Heaven.

And so we can say with the Psalmist David:

Vs. 13 – I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the Land of the Living.

Vs. 14 – Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. AMEN