**Hide Me in Your Pavilion**

**Teens**

**Level 4 Lesson 24**

* **Introduction**

Have you ever wished that you could crawl into a hole and hide? Well, you are not alone. Most people have found themselves in that position more than a few times. But there are some that live in that place. Fear and depression are very real in our society. Most of those people never see any hope of relief.

* **Lesson**

*Psa 27:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I*

*fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

*Psa 27:2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat*

*up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.*

Most of us have a few enemies, but nothing like King David. Saul hated David and wanted to kill him. David’s sons treated him as an enemy as well. In the New Testament our major enemy is Satan. Our flesh is also warring against our spirit. Our battle is spiritual warfare in high places. How do you win those battles? We have enough trouble just trying to keep our minds from wandering. These verses instruct us that we have nothing to worry about. We have no reason to fear.

*Psa 27:3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear:*

 *though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.*

It doesn’t matter what things look like, we can stand on God’s word and know that He is our strength, light and salvation. So, when things seem hopeless, God’s word never fails. With Him we have no reason to fear.

*Psa 27:4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; 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 enquire in his temple.*

*Psa 27:5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of*

*his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.*

The Old Testament Tabernacle is a type and shadow of the New Testament plan of salvation. The secret of His tabernacle is that Jesus Christ came to save us from our sins. We repent of our sins, get baptized in Jesus name, and then He will fill us with the Holy Ghost! That is where we hide! If He came to save us from our sins, then we have no fear of what man or evil spirits may do to us. Those enemies of ours are on a chain. They can only do what God allows, no more.

*Psa 27:6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about*

 *me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will*

 *sing praises unto the LORD.*

What a relief to know we are not in this alone! God is on our side, so let’s praise Him! Sing! Sing! Sing!

When the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea and then God brought the sea down on the Egyptians and killed every one, then Miriam broke out singing a song of praise to God. We know from the scriptures that we are going to win, so let’s start singing!

*Psa 27:7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and*

*answer me.*

*Psa 27:8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face,*

 *LORD, will I seek.*

*Psa 27:9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou*

 *hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.*

*Psa 27:10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me*

*up.*

It is written! We have nothing to fear! It doesn’t matter if all people are against you; we have nothing to fear. Not everyone comes from a beautiful family life. Many young people are living in depressing situations. They have no good influence on their life. Without a trust in God, things look very bleak with no hope in the future.

If you have no problems, hold on tight, for they will show up soon. No matter how great your life, there will come a time, or times when you will need a God to hide you.

*Psa 27:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of*

*mine enemies.*

*Psa 27:12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses*

*are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.*

*Psa 27:13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in*

*the land of the living.*

*Psa 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine*

*heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.*

As long as we are leadable and teachable, we are safe. When we step out from under the umbrella of protection, then we are susceptible to every trick of the enemy.

*Psa 17:6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear*

 *unto me, and hear my speech.*

*Psa 17:7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand*

*them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.*

*Psa 17:8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,*

*Psa 17:9 From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.*

Over and over, God encourages us through the Word to trust Him. In fact, a lack of faith is the main problem God has with mankind.

*Psa 143:6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.*

*Psa 143:7 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me,*

 *lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.*

*Psa 143:8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I*

*trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto*

 *thee.*

*Psa 143:9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.*

*Psa 143:10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead*

*me into the land of uprightness.*

*Psa 143:11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake*

 *bring my soul out of trouble.*

When we find ourselves in the depths of fear and depression, the deliverance comes from the Word of God. There is great power in the Word. When we read and study the Word, we are warring against the evil spirits that bring us down.

Sometimes reading the Word aloud is the perfect tool to chase out depression or fear. This is a great reason to memorize your verses. Bible quizzing is a perfect way to instill the verses in your head to bring up for reference when your mind is attacked.

The Holy Ghost gives you power over every evil thing. The biggest problem that we have is a lack of faith to believe what the Bible says. If we can but follow His instructions, fear and depression must flee! Trust the Word! Trust God! What do we have to lose?

Remember, that Jesus used these tools when the devil tempted Him. He overcame by the Word of God. You do not have to be bound and defeated by these spirits.

* **Activity**

Bring a large umbrella to class. Have several students get under the umbrella. Then have someone pour water over the middle of the umbrella. Those sticking out will get wet, but those directly under the umbrella will stay safe. This activity shows the importance of getting right in the middle of the will of God, our Protector!