

Bible Chat week starting 13 3 22

Share your feelings about the state of the world and the things we hear on the news.

1. **Read Psalm 27: 1 - 3.** This is the *profession of faith*. Share what it means for the Lord to be your light, your salvation, your stronghold.
2. Some find power and strength simply in saying these or similar words. Some like to learn words like these - especially perhaps the first verse. How can you take these words to heart?
3. **Read verses 4 - 6.** This is the *posture of devotion*. A person has many demands on their time, but these verses suggest there is one thing they must get right before anything else. The 'one thing' is described in verse 4. All other decisions flow from this one decision. What's the most important thing to get right in your own view?
4. What might it mean spiritually for us to dwell in the house of the Lord, and make that our primary goal?
5. **Read verses 7 - 13.** This is the *prayer of experience*. A neat statement of faith helps. A sense of inner devotion is wonderful. But when things get tough, we might often need to pray in the middle of our experience of life. How do you pray as the day goes along? Do you resonate with any of the prayers in these verses?
6. How does the prayer of experience build on the profession of faith and the posture of devotion?
7. **Read 13 - 14.** This is simply a *poise*. This suggests an ability to pause, to consider; an ability not to be swept along by the crowd. How does the psalmist reach this sense of poise? How does it relate to the three other 'P's'?
8. How can you inculcate a sense of poise in your own life?
9. The world faces many challenges currently. Discuss how this Psalm might help us to remain strong when the going gets tough.
10. Imagine how this Psalm might be read by Ukrainian Christians. What challenges or encouragement would it bring to them? So how should we respond?