

When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. As they danced, they sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands. Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David. The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

Psalm 27

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 the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty 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 sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD. Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. I remain 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.

*'Memorial Day and Evil'  
(1 Samuel 18:6-11, Psalm 27)*

*Three faces of evil*

*The world* (1 Sam. 18:7-8)

*How does your heart see \_\_\_\_\_? Success?*

*How \_\_\_\_\_ is the source?*

*The flesh* (1 Sam. 18:8-9, 12)

*How do you handle fear? Anger? Forgiveness?*

*Will you '\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_'?*

*The devil* (1 Sam. 18:10, Ps. 27:3, 12)

*The Accuser is \_\_\_\_\_*

*Don't let your heart '\_\_\_\_\_ ' on his lies*

*Three sources of good*

*The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_* (Psalm 27:1)

*God's view of you is truer than the world's.*

*The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_* (Psalm 27:4, 8-9)

*God is more worthy of our desire than our own lusts.*

*The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_* (Psalm 27:13-14)

*Life is ultimately kept and reconfigured through the Son of David's death at the hands of evil – and resurrection.*