



Lord, Grant Me One Request

“One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: 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 meditate in His temple.” Psalm 27:4 (NASB)

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Over the years I have been a believer, this portion of scripture has challenged me many times. When King David’s enemies were trying to kill him and a war was raging against him, he did not seek God to deliver him or destroy his enemies. He did not seek God to bring about peace in his life. He did not allow the war to distract him from his goal.

His heart was set on having a close, intimate relationship with his Lord all the days of his life. He could have been full of fear and worry as he looked on the evildoers who were trying to devour his flesh, his adversaries, his enemies, and the war raging against him; however, David was determined that nothing and no one would take his focus off his Lord. In the midst of war, he was seeking fellowship with his Lord. In the midst of war, he was seeking to look on the beauty of his Lord.

This was no light situation David was in. Look at what verses two and three say about his circumstances. It talks of evildoers trying to devour his flesh, his adversaries, and enemies. A host encamped against him. A war rising against him.

David was not distracted by his circumstances because he had total confidence that his Lord was in control of his life and would defeat all of his enemies on his behalf. David knew that the most important thing in his life was not what his enemies were doing; it was his relationship with his Lord. I cannot tell you how many times in my Christian walk I have used this scripture and David’s example to help me.

Beloved, I am in a situation like this right now, and like me, I believe many of you feel like you are in a war, surrounded by enemies. I want to encourage you and myself today. Nothing catches God by surprise. He is in full control of our lives. Psalm 27:1 (NASB) reads, *“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?”* Let us trust our Lord to defend us and defeat our enemies. Do not get distracted by fear or worry. By GOD’S AMAZING GRACE, let our one request to our Lord be a close relationship with Him all the days of our lives.

Do not forget Ephesians 6:12 tells us that our battles are not against flesh and blood. We are in a spiritual warfare against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness in this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places. Our warfare is not with people or situations; it is with the devil. So let us follow David’s example and trust fully in God. Let our one request be to see the beauty of our Lord in the midst of our situations. We need to get our eyes off of everything that is going on about us and keep our focus on God. He is worthy of our praise. Do not give up on God because I can assure you that He will not give up on us!

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