

SELECTED PSALMS PHASE 1
PSALM 27 Part B
Answers for Review Questions

1. **Answer:**
 (a) believe (b) assured (c) desert (d) challenges (e) without (f) situations (g) possible
 (h) hopeless (i) fear Page 5

2. **Answer:**
 David's earnest prayer in Psalm 27:7, seems to be motivated by a reoccurrence of eminent danger.
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3. **Answer:**
"Have mercy": as used by David in Psa. 27:7 means that he petitioned God to ***"stoop to help him in his time of desperate need."***
 For more information, see Page 9.

4. **Answer:**
 Item (c) . . . is the hope of sinners.

5. **Answer:**
 The charge to ***"seek God"*** was given to David and he regarded such gracious invitation from God as a duty and a privilege to be highly treasured.
 David **immediately** complied with that command, as it was a principle of his life – one of the unchanging persuasions of his heart – that he would do so as instructed.

6. **Answer:**
 (a) In Scripture, when God's face is turned towards us, it is a symbol of His favor and blessing.
 (b) When God hides His face from us, it means that we are out of fellowship with Him and have relinquished His protection (Deut. 31:17-18; Isa. 59:2; Micah 3:14).
 For more information, see Pages 10-11.

7. **Answer:**
 David uses God's past ***"help"*** as a reason to ask and expect future help.
 David was **asking for the continuation** of all God's goodness and mercies.
 For more information, see Page 11.

8. **Answer:**
 Item (b) . . . God is our helper.

9. **Answer:**

- (a) ***“When father and mother forsake me”*** (Psa. 27:10): The expression shows dependence upon God and stating that God would take care of him (David) when all other help failed him.
- (b) David knew that the love and care of God could go beyond even closest of human bonds (***father and mother***).

For more information, see Pages 12-13.

10. **Answer:**

- (a) The ***“ways of God”*** (Psa. 27:11): are His methods of administering the affairs of the world; His way of governing; the rules by which He has prescribed for Himself in the execution of His plans. etc.
- (b) David’s desire as implied in Psa. 27:11 (also 25:14) is to understand, in order to regulate his own conduct aright, that he might not lean unto his (David’s) understanding, or his own guidance but to be constantly under the guidance and direction of God.

For more information, see Pages 14-15.

11. **Answer:**

- (a) ***“... lead me in a smooth path ...”*** (Psa. 27:11b): May also be read as: ***“A way of plainness”*** or ***“a straight or smooth way.”***
- (b) In essence, David prayed that he might be enabled to act wisely and right; he desired that God would teach him what to do.

For more information, see Pages 15-16.

12. **Answer:**

- (a) ***“Because of mine enemies.”*** (Psa. 27:11): Base on the original usage of the words used . . . the verb from which it is derived signifies: ***“to twist; to twist together,”*** and then ***“to oppress; to treat as an enemy.”***
- (b) The phrase refers to those who treated David harshly or cruelly; and he prays that God would show him how to act in view of the fact that he was surrounded by hateful/vengeful enemies.

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13. **Answer:**

- (a) David asked God not to allow his enemies to achieve their evil objectives; he requested that God frustrated all the efforts and unflinching determination to obliterate.
- (b) Slanderers can hurt only one’s reputation and not their character . . . Despite the fact that David had those who slandered him, his lifestyle was genuine and exemplified integrity and righteousness. . . . etc.
- (c) Etc.

For more information, see Pages 16-18.

14. Answer:

- (a) **“Wait on the LORD”**, is the essence of all that has been shared in Psalm 27; it is the main lesson that the psalm is designed to convey.
- (b) The objective is to inspire others, from the experience of the psalmist to trust in the LORD; to rely upon Him; to come to Him in times of trouble and danger; to wait for His intervention when all other resources fail.

For more information, see Pages 20-22.

15. Answer:

- (a) Waiting on God means to hope, to anticipate and trust; being fully confident that God is at work even when His time table is longer than we like it.
- (b) **How Do We Wait?**
 - (1) As a beggar waits for hand out at the rich man’s door.
 - (2) As a student waits to be taught.
 - (3) Etc.
- (c) **Waiting On God from Psalm 27.**
 - (1) We wait on the LORD by trusting Him (Vv. 1, 3, 4, 10).
 - (2) We wait on the LORD by seeking Him (Vv. 4, 8).
 - (3) Etc.

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