

Confident Faith

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise up against me, in this will I be confident. – Psalm 27:3

May believers have a timid faith – wanting to be bold but lacking the confidence in both God and God’s purpose for them to courageously take hold of heaven and shake the earth within their sphere of influence. The Lord desires us to trust Him. As such, we should expect that He also wants that trust to be firm, unyielding, and advancing. His Spirit has provided us with necessary tools to live just that way. The twenty seventh Psalm is a fourteen-verse instruction manual on how to be confident in our faith.

Our confidence in God begins with recognizing our weakness. The Lord is my light and my salvation. The Lord is the strength of my life. If He is my light, that means without Him I am blind. If He is my salvation, that implies that without Him I am doomed. If He is my strength, then without Him I am most certainly sickly and weak. But with Him, I have all that is required for life and godliness – whom then shall I fear?

Our confidence in God requires us to be willing to stand alone. An host may encamp against us, but He is here. Our hellish foe will certainly rise up against us, marshalling his demon hordes, but one man or woman with God makes a majority. If we are not willing to stand alone, we won’t be able to stand at all. Stand therefore with God and watch Him work.

Our confidence in the Lord will be directly proportional to our desire for Him. One thing have I desired. One thing is needful. The eye must be single. If it is Him and Him alone and Him above all and Him in total that I want and need and desire, then He will pour great assurances into my being of His presence, His power, and His preservation in even the most pressing of exigencies. If we engage our whole body, soul, and spirit in our pursuit of Him, how could anything but great confidence in Him be the result?

Our confidence in God is tied to our engagement in the local assembly. It is in the house of the Lord – His tabernacle, His temple, His pavilion, i.e., the assembly of His saints – where confidence is strengthened. Like-minded brethren sharing their love for God’s Word and God’s work builds within each heart a sure and steadfast fortification against the advancements of hell. Show me a Christian who does not attend church regularly, and I will show you a Christian who is not confident in their God.

Our confidence in God is built in frequent and vibrant communication with Him. Praying without ceasing means lifting our hearts before Him continuously. Cry with our voice at times we must, because we must hear His answer. It cannot be that He leaves us. He would not and He could not do that. But have we left Him? Prayer secures us against such propensity.

Our confidence in God will blossom if we have a teachable spirit. Teach me Thy way, O Lord. We have not arrived until we reach Heaven’s shore. Until then, there is much to learn, whether we are new in the faith, or have walked with Him for decades. We all stumble in many ways. Teach us Thy way, O Lord, because our own way will always lead us astray.

Our confidence in God will invite resistance from men and devils. False witnesses will indeed show themselves. There will be cruel conspiracies. No matter. It means we are in the game. Stand fast. Stand firm. If we aren’t advancing, we are retreating. Advance and watch God move.

If we wait on the Lord, He will strengthen us and build in us a vibrant and confident faith. May He do just that for us today. – *D. Murcek*