

# TAKE ME IN!

## *Psalm 27b*

Three times we read the Bible passage and then pray or journal quietly for a few minutes to help us listen to the Spirit. Each reading is guided by a focus question listed below.

### Introduction to the Text

The Psalms record deep devotion, intense feeling, exalted emotion, and dark dejection. The Psalms play with all the keyboard keys of the human soul.

This book has been called the epitome and anatomy of the soul and designated as the garden of the Scriptures. The place Psalms have held in the lives of God's people testifies to their universality, although they have a peculiar Jewish application. They express the deep feelings of all believing hearts in all generations.

**Psalm 27** – Some think David penned this psalm before his coming to the throne, when he was in the midst of his troubles, and perhaps upon occasion of the death of his parents; but the Jews think he penned it when he was old, upon occasion of the wonderful deliverance he had from the sword of the giant, when Abishai succored him (2 Sa. 21:16, 17) and his people thereupon resolved he should never venture his life again in battle, lest he should quench the light of Israel. Perhaps it was not penned upon any particular occasion; but it is very expressive of the pious and devout affections with which gracious souls are carried out towards God at all times, especially in times of trouble.

### Psalm 27b

"Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> You have said, "Seek<sup>[d]</sup> my face."

My heart says to you,

"Your face, Lord, do I seek."<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup> For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

but the Lord will take me in.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord,

and lead me on a level path

because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup> Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me,

and they breathe out violence.

<sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall look<sup>[f]</sup> upon the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait for the Lord!"

## Prayer / Journaling / Soul Talk Prompts

1. What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses on you? In silence meditate on that.
2. What do you feel? What question(s) do you have for God about your life today? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.
3. What is God's personal invitation to you from the Scripture? You can write down what the Lord may be saying to you. Or you can recall God's unfailing love for you, even if you're not feeling it now, and write a prayer of thanks. Or simply rest quietly in the Spirit's presence.<sup>[P.]</sup><sub>[SEP.]</sub>