

## PSALM 27 during Elul

Todd Thalblum shared that we are in the Hebrew month of Elul, which precedes the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This is a period of reflection and contemplation, a time to look inward and prepare for the holidays in order to experience them as fully as possible. Psalm 27 is read daily in Elul.

### Psalm 27

God is my light and my help. Whom shall I fear?

God is the strength of my life. Whom shall I dread?

When the wicked, my enemies and foes, come upon me to devour me,  
they shall stumble and fall.

Should an army camp against me, my heart will not fear; though war should rise against me,  
still I would be confident.

One thing I ask of God, only this do I seek: to live in the house of God all the days of my  
life, to behold the beauty of the Eternal, and to frequent God's temple.

God will shelter me in a pavilion on the day of evil; under the cover of God's tent will I be  
protected. The Eternal will lift me up on a rock.

And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies all around me; and I will offer prayers  
in God's tent with shouts of joy; and I will sing, I will sing praises to God.

Hear, O God, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me, answer me.

Of You my heart says, Seek my face; Your face, O God, do I seek!

Hide not Your face from me; do not put Your servant off in anger; You have ever been my  
help; do not abandon me, nor forsake me, O God, my deliverer.

Though my father and mother may forsake me, God will take me in.

Teach me Your way, O God, and lead me on a level path, because of my ever-watchful foes.

Deliver me not to the will of my enemies; for false witnesses have risen up against me, and  
they breathe out violence.

Had I not the assurance that I should see the goodness of God in the land of the living?

Look to God; be of good courage and your heart shall be strengthened; but look to God.