

A New Perspective

Psalm 27:1

The story is told of a member of the British parliament who took his eight-year-old daughter on a tour of the great landmarks in London. She was especially awed by Westminster Abbey. The man couldn't help but be intrigued by her intense concentration as she took in the beauty and grandeur of the magnificent building. Finally he asked, "What are you thinking about, sweetheart?"

The little girl replied, "I was thinking how big you look at home, and how small you look in here."

A young child's honest response reminds us that when it comes to facing our biggest fears, it's all about perspective. That problem, that need, that impossible situation all seem insurmountable when measured against the finite resources of this present world. But divine promises like the one found in Psalm 27 help us change our point of view.

**The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?**

We all face fears that are very real, and rightfully seem impossible from a human point of view. But God melts our fears by giving us an eternal perspective. He reminds us that our salvation rests in His almighty hands. We have access to divine strength. Our hope is in an everlasting God who is not intimidated by the current situation.

Are you facing fear today, something that threatens to overwhelm you? Bring to mind God's eternal promises. Take comfort in His unequalled strength and wisdom. You may still find it necessary to walk through that valley—surrounded by God's care. But the fear that seeks to destroy you will itself be overwhelmed by the eternal grace of our loving Heavenly Father.

What does it mean to have an "eternal perspective"? How will such a perspective change the way you live your life?

How can you maintain an eternal perspective even during the most frightening challenges of life?