

Whom Then Shall I Fear?

Psalm 27

Review:

1. We need not fear in the present because of the way God has blessed us in the past.
2. We need not fear because God Himself is our greatest blessing.
3. We can trust God's promises because of the sacrifice Christ made for us.

Go Further: Read Isaiah 43:1-12

1. Why do you think it is important that God mentions in verse 1 that He created and formed His people? What comfort do you take in that fact?
2. What three reasons does God give His people in verse 1 that they should not be afraid? How do these same reasons help calm your fears?
3. In what two conditions does God promise to protect His people in verse 2? Can you think of instances in the history of God's people when these things literally happened? What kinds of experiences have you had that were similar to these situations?
4. How does God describe Himself in verse 3? Why are each of these titles or descriptions important to you?
5. Which nations does God say in verse 3 are less important to Him than Israel? Why would this be surprising to the people of Isaiah's time?
6. In verse 4, why does God say He considers Israel to be more important than so many other nations? How does this statement give you hope?
7. What reason does God give His people in verses 5-7 that they should not be afraid? Why would this have been so comforting to the people of Isaiah's time? How has God continued to keep this promise into the present era?
8. How does God describe His people in verse 7? How does this description bring you comfort?
9. How does God describe those who are not obedient to Him in verse 8? Why do you think God describes them in this way?
10. What does God challenge his opponents to do in verse 9? Why is God the only One Who can do these things?
11. What claim does God make about Himself in verse 10? Who does God say is a witness to this truth?
12. Who is the Servant of God and why is His testimony so important?
13. What exclusive claim does God make about Himself in verse 11? Why does this continue to be so controversial?
14. What three things does God say He alone has done in verse 12? Who does He say are His witnesses to these facts?

Apply:

1. David could look back through his life and see how God had continually protected him. What particular instances of God's protection and provision for you have given your faith a boost? What steps can you take to bring these instances to mind during your difficult moments?
2. After reading Psalm 27 and Isaiah 43:1-12, what truths about God do you find most comforting in your current situation? Why is that?