



November 29, 2011 - Psalm 27:10

Hi Everyone,

Well, Thanksgiving is now a memory and the most special time of the year is in our sight. What are you seeing as you look ahead to Christmas? Each year the Lord heightens my sensitivity to see more and more of the Truth of Christmas and what that Truth means for me. Perhaps it is because I am getting older and I realize my desperation for the Lord in even just the simple things of life. Last week we talked about David's desperation as we memorized verse 9. This week we continue on with verse 10 where we get even more window into David's heart. Let's take a look.

In the NASB Psalm 27:10 reads:

**"For my father and mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me up."**

We know from our memorizing of Psalm 27 that David has been in a battle with literal enemies. Verse 10 is going to reveal another one. Even though an outward battle is very dangerous, sometimes even deadly, some of us may find that our greatest enemy is the struggle of emotions we deal with inwardly. No one else may ever see them, but the war is very real to us. Maybe you can relate.

In verse 10, David reveals that his father and mother have forsaken him. I wonder what he means by that. Does he mean that it literally happened? Some versions actually say, "**If my father and mother forsake me...**" or "**Even if my father and mother forsake me...**" so it does leave a question in our minds as to the reality of his situation. Either way, regardless of what emotional battle David was dealing with, I believe he was making a declaration that God's love is stronger than any emotional battle. Let me explain:

A parent's relationship to their child is a priceless thing, a precious thing, a purposed thing. Most parents purpose to love their child with abandon and children instinctively know to expect that love and find security in it. A parent's love is one of the most tender of earthly relationships and that tenderness extends in both directions.

But what if parents turn on their children and literally forsake them? Most of us would deem that as something horrible, and it is. The emotional scars that come from that kind of rejection run deep and are not easily cured. Is there any remedy great enough to cover even that kind of emotional battle and hurt?

David answers that question. He says, "**But the Lord will take me up.**" That is the answer. The design here is that the love and care of God is superior to any we can expect on the earth. Whatever expectations and needs we have met in earthly relationships, David is asserting that God's love is stronger still.

Two things really minister to me here:

1. Lately my heart has been warring emotionally over an important relationship in my life. How timely Psalm 27:10 is to me. How it ministers to me. What about you? Is there a place of wounding in your heart where relationship expectations have not been met; where hurt has seeped in and where the pain just won't let up? Consider the next phrase of verse 10.
2. "**But the Lord will take me up...**" I love those first three words, "**But the Lord...**" They are a balm to my hurting heart. They are a promise for me. They are a promise for us all! Through this word we can know that as we look up to Him, He will take us up and gather us to Himself. This reminds me of verse 5, "**For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle. In the secret place of His tent He will hide me.**"

Waiting upon the Lord is looking up to God with expectant hope. There is a great Truth in verse 10 for anyone hurting today from missed expectations in earthly relationships. Look up and remember, "**But the Lord will take me up.**" How comforting those words are to a hurting heart.



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