



**The Light Drives Out Fear (Psalm 27)
2019 Advent sermon series
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BIG IDEA: While we are naturally fearful of what we cannot see or understand, through faith we do not live in fear because the God we know sees and understands all.

Light signifies:

- **God's presence.** ([Exodus 13:21-22](#), [Isaiah 60:19-20](#), [Revelation 21:23](#))
 - Since the beginning of time, God's presence has been described in terms of light.
 - Darkness exists only where God chooses to limit Himself, because where God is there is light.
 - Christ came as the Light of the World, and it was marked by a star so bright that it led people to the place where he was laid!
- **God's truth.** ([Psalms 43:3](#), [119:105](#); [Proverbs 6:23](#))
 - Light helps us see things.
 - "Enlightened" or to "shed light" - It means to understand the truth; to see truth and understand it.

NEXT STEP: What uncertainties do you face today that are scary? How can you draw closer to God and live differently in the moment, while waiting patiently for His answers to come?

FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. This week in our series *Light of the World*, we talked about the fears that we face in the midst of darkness and uncertainty and how God sees and understands all, even when we cannot. Take a moment to think back on the scariest, most uncertain times of your past year. Have you been able to start to understand how God has been leading you, lighting your path?
2. This week we saw that light signifies both God's presence and God's truth in our lives. To learn more about the light of *God's presence*, read [Exodus 13:21-22](#), [Isaiah 60:19-20](#), and [Revelation 21:23](#) and see what you notice. To learn more about how *God's truth* is a light in our lives, read [Psalms 43:3](#), [119:105](#), and [Proverbs 6:23](#). In what ways do God's presence and/or God's truths as you discover them help light your path in life?
3. Read [Psalm 27](#). This week we saw in this psalm how, because God is with us, (1) we are under His care and in His hands at all times, (2) our priority might be in times of fear to focus on deepening our relationship with Him, and (3) we are asked as children of God to live differently than others, waiting patiently and courageously for God when called to do so. What else do you find in Psalm 27? As you read through it a few times, perhaps in different translations, ask God to speak to you about the fears in the forefront of your life.
4. The Christmas story is filled with people facing their fears. Read how Joseph did so ([Matthew 1:18-25](#)), as well as Mary ([Luke 1:26-56](#)). Notice also how the Magi and King Herod responded to their fears ([Luke 2](#)). What fears did each of them face as Jesus, the Light of the World, came into the world? What specifics do you learn from their examples in times of fear?
5. Next week in our series *Light of the World*, we will look at what it means to live in the Light ourselves. To prepare for that message, read [Ephesians 5:8-15](#) and [1 John 1:5-9](#). Look for where light is mentioned, and what its significance is.