

Triumphant Song of Confidence

This Psalm was most likely written by David after he was anointed by Saul (1 Samuel 16), but before he became the King over all of Israel (2 Samuel 5). At this point he was hiding out in the desert, while being pursued by King Saul. David asked two questions: *"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?"* Both questions involve fear, however not because David was afraid... but because he was boasting of confidence that the Lord would shine His light to brighten the path to keep David from stumbling and falling. He also confessed that the Lord was his ultimate salvation. God guided, delivered and protected David to the point that he would fear nothing and no one.

Dear Father, I thank You for being my light, my salvation, and my strength in this dark world. Though I sometimes become anxious, You have promised that You will always be by my side. Father, give me a teachable spirit, then lead me on the path of righteousness laid out in Your Holy Word. Sometimes, waiting for answers is very difficult, especially if there is a long-time frame involved. It can seem as if You do not see the urgency of my situation. Forgive me for that kind of thinking because it implies that You are not in control. Instead, help me to see waiting time as a tool that You use to teach me about the many blessings You have for me. Make real in my life Your words in **Verse 14**. *"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage, wait for the Lord!"*

Oh, that I could have such strength in my convictions. Let that be my confidence today, as I know that You are always with me, guiding and protecting me. For this I am forever grateful. Amen.

Beth Johnson

*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?*

*When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.*

*Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.*

*Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!*