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Testimony of A Sanctified Saint
Psalm 27:1-6
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Testimonies are an important aspect of worship. It's a time for saints and would be saints to share what God is doing in their lives. And there's nothing better than hearing our elders share their testimonies. They would speak of segregated water fountains, sitting on the back of the bus, and cotton fields. They would often close their testimonies with "The Good Lord has done this" in their lives. In spite of their difficulties, those saints who gave testimony were satisfied with the Lord.

With all they have been through, satisfied saints are satisfied with Jesus even if they do not have a big car, fine home and a pocket full of money. Saints are satisfied just because of who God is, even when what they prayed for is not granted. Testimonies can be for the benefit of others and then it can be for you and you alone.

Sometimes you've got to testify to yourself and acknowledge what God is doing in your life in spite of the sin you continue to commit on a daily basis. The Lord has been gracious, kind, wonderful, and merciful. He's put food on our tables, clothes on our backs, and roofs over our heads, and the Lord has kept our children safe from hurt harm and danger.

There may be times when we fall down but we believe that the Lord will give us the strength to get up and keep on going. For those who believe by faith, our testimony is tied to the word of God, and if God says it, that settles it. I'm satisfied with Jesus in my heart. I can stand on the word of the Lord knowing that everything will be all right.

In the text, David leaves on record the testimony of a satisfied saint. He had gone through a lot; much of which we could not handle. What did he go through: death attempts by Saul, an affair with Bathsheba, the death of his newborn son, the loss of a wife, and his son trying to take the kingship. None-the-less David stands on the Word of the Lord and in due season received the victory.

1. **The Lord is my light** - The enemy attacks, but the Lord protects. David acknowledges his foes but focus on the Lord. The Lord is able to protect him.
2. **My light and my salvation** - The Lord can step in and save us from what we can't do for ourselves.
3. **Strength of my life** - The Lord does not leave us defenseless; he places us in a fortified place. He is a fortress for us. The devil came up with a plan to overcome David, but the Lord made David's enemy loose their footing.
4. **Enemies come against me** - The Lord keeps our enemies from doing what they would like to do to us.

5. **Desire for the Lord's presence** - I'm going to seek after that which my heart desires. It might seem selfish, but it's what must be done in order to worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
6. **Assurance of the Lord's protection** - The Lord continues to protect and hide us from all our enemies.
7. **Lift me up high upon a rock** – The Lord puts us in a place where our enemies can see us but cannot get to us. We are able to see them when they are coming.
8. **Praise Him for his goodness toward me** – David couldn't keep it to himself because the Lord has been too good to him. David would offer sacrifices, sing, and praise the Lord for lifting him head and shoulders above his enemies.