

GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART

Family Devotion — Lesson 51

MEMORY VERSE — PSALM 27:1

“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

- Light, salvation, and strength all come from the Lord. Having these three in your heart produces courage.

Light — understanding; spiritual knowledge; comfort; guidance

Salvation — delivered and preserved spiritually or physically; saved

Strength — power; might; ability

- “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2Tim.1:7).

Power... reminds us of “strength”

Love... reminds us of “salvation” through Christ

Sound mind... reminds us of “light”

- Courage is something we need today to effectively serve and live for God. The fear of man will hinder our ability to do this.
- “The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe” (Prov.29:25).
- Overcoming fear starts in your heart. “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Prov.4:23). This is why you must saturate your heart and mind with the Word of God!
- When fear creeps in your life, look to the Lord and trust in Him for courage.



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- How would you describe what it feels like to fear someone?
- How can fearing someone hinder you from living for God?
- How was David able to kill Goliath? What do you think was going through David’s mind and heart at that time?
- If you have a fear problem, you probably have a _____ problem.



PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to give you more courage to live for Him.
- Ask God to protect your heart from fear.
- Thank God for giving you light, salvation, and strength.



CHALLENGE

- The next time you fear someone, remember what David did to big Goliath.