**A Confidence for All Seasons of Life**

**Psalm 27:1-14**

**A.** Is there a more common enemy that effects all of us than **Fear**.

 **1.** Is there anything more **devastating** to us than fear?

 **2.** So we fear the future because **change** is such a

 distinctive characteristic of our daily lives.

**B.** Having **Confidence** in the midst of trouble and fear.

**Fact:**

We have to have confidences in God’s love and His care that

can be our **stronghold** for living even in the

midst of trouble and fear.

 **#1.** Hear is the first key for living with Fear, we need to **rise**

 above them. (v. 6)

**Fact:**

Within themselves they have no destructive power,

but it is our fear that **invests** them with power.

**Fact:**

Nothing can takes the fear out of your life other than a deep awareness of God’s **nearness** and His loving concern for you.

 **#2.** Here is the second key for living with Fear, that some of our

 troubles can be **turned** into positive meaning. (v. 3-4)

**Fact:**

Our troubles and problems can be a **blessing** rather than a curse.

They can provide power, rather than make us powerless victims.

 **#3.** Here is the Third key for living with Fear, that God will provide

 Divine **Protection** to those who Fear Him. (v. 5)

**Fact:**

We need to have a **healthy** understanding of God’s Protection,

that He will watch over us and protect us from evil but

not from ourselves or His purposes.

**C.** Look at the **movement** of the Psalm in the last four verses. (vs. 11-14)

 **1.** You see He was **not** delivered from trouble -- but He

 knows an ultimate protection. (v. 12)

 **2.** Listen to the last confidence by **humbly** breathings of this prayer:

(v. 14)

*“I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.”*