

Based on the preaching from Sunday the **25th of October** 'The Beauty of the Lord'
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Sermon Text: **Psalm 27**

Key Ideas from the Sermon:

- We need the beauty of the Lord because life can be profoundly challenging – life is full of trouble – and we need it not only to cope, but to triumph over them.
- The beauty of the Lord protects us, is a safe place and sets us high on a rock.
- The beauty of the Lord is his personal presence which satisfies our deepest yearnings and is joy upon joy to our hearts.
- We find the beauty of the Lord when we receive Jesus Christ. He is the atoning love of God, which was symbolised in the temple, and now fulfilled in his death and resurrection.
- We experience the beauty of the Lord when we gaze upon him, which points to daily lives of worship to Jesus and when we wait for the Lord, which is the daily discipline of cultivating expectant hearts of anticipation discerning the hand of the Lord in daily life and cooperating with him.

Bible Study: The Swedish Method [**Psalm 27**]

1. Begin by praying, asking God to speak through His Word
2. Read the Bible passage aloud, being careful to read slowly
3. Go back over the passage (allow about 10 minutes of silence), being on the lookout for and taking note of the following four things:



Lightbulb: This should be something that 'shines' from the passage- whatever impacts most, or draws attention.

Notes:



Question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader might like to ask the writer of the passage, or the Lord.

Notes:



Jesus: What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is, what he has done for me and what it means for me to follow him in my life.

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Arrow: A personal application for the readers life.

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