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Morning Thoughts

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The Lord is Always Faithful

¹ *The Lord is my Light and my Salvation—whom shall I fear or dread? The Lord is the Refuge and Stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?*

¹³ *[What, what would have become of me] had I not believed that I would see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living!*

¹⁴ *Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord. Psalms 27:1, 13-14. Amplified.*

As I consider the first, thirteenth and fourteenth verses of Psalms 27, and draw them deeply into my thinking as if all depended upon my belief of them, I experience a growing calm that radiates through my being. Surely, anyone who has thought deeply on God's word has experienced the same. It has been going on ever since men began calling on the Lord. Abraham undoubtedly thought it when he offered up Isaac. Joseph thought it when he was going through his trials. The idea of trusting in God was in the mind of Job during his tragedy. Jacob had to firmly embrace the idea when he sought the Lord's help in dealing with Esau. Multiply the number by billions across the millenniums—like the sands on a seashore, and we begin to see how men have hoped in the Lord.

Verse 14, **Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord** could easily be in the place of the 13th verse, and vice versa. **If we are willing** to wait for and hope and expect the Lord; **if we are willing** to be brave and of good courage and to let our minds be stout and enduring; **then we can say confidently** ***“What would have become of me had I not believed that I would see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living!”***