

What is Our “One Thing”?

Psalm 27

➤ **Assessing the Situation**

- A Look at David
 - He saw devastation
 - He saw desertion
 - He saw danger
- A Look at Believers
 - We see conflict in our lives
 - We see sin in the world.
 - We see an adversary in Scripture.

➤ **A Single-Minded Appeal**

- The Shock of David’s Appeal
 - David doesn’t ask first for deliverance.
 - David asks first for God.
- The Benefits of the Appeal
 - God is absolutely sovereign
 - God is incomparably beautiful.
- The Relevance of the Appeal
 - What is our one thing?
 - Do we find God beautiful or merely useful?

➤ **Confidence in Suffering**

- We obtain our “one thing” not based on naive predictions.
- We obtain our “one thing” based on rock-solid promises.

Application Questions:

Assessing the Situation

- What kinds of conflicts discourage us the most?
- What types of suffering make us cry out to God and which types do we try to handle ourselves?
- What do we miss when we try to handle suffering ourselves?
- How does the presence of sin in the world affect our view of life’s circumstances?
- Why should we take the presence of an adversary seriously? How do we sometimes think and act like he does not exist?

A Single-minded Appeal

- What are the things we most often ask of/from God?
- Do we seek God first, or His actions in our lives first?
- Is there anything wrong with asking God for deliverance or help?
- What does our communication with God reveal about our relationship with Him?

Confidence in Suffering

- What is the difference between trusting in God for something we want and trusting in His promises?
- Why can we have confidence in His promises?
- What is true about God’s character that tells us we can base our confidence in Him?