

SERMON SUMMARY

Date: March 18, 2007	11:00 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: Psalm 27:1- 14
Topic: Serving God On This Mountain... In Spite of Our Frustrations - Annoyances	

How are we to view frustration in the creation, the church and the Christian? In the Book of Romans, Paul laid out in a largely comprehensive fashion, his view of righteousness and salvation along with their implication for both Jew and Gentile. He also touched on the significance of these in some important areas of daily life. In the focal passage, he was dealing with the unease experienced...

- in creation,
- by the Christian
- and in communing with God through prayer.

By so doing he showed...

- the God-assigned plan for creation,
- the passage for the Christian
- and the provision for the Church.

In verses 18-21, **Archetype** is seen:

- Contrast Announced (verse 18)
- Connection Affirmed (verse 19)
- Control Asserted (verse 20)
- Consummation Awaited (verse 21)

This is a call for us to see that we have the **Sagacious Sovereign**. We ought to learn about our spiritual environment because the fact is that God The Controller (Father) is still here.

In verses 22-25, we can sense **Anticipation** in the:

- Discomfort Experienced (verse 22)
- Desire Expressed (verse 23)
- Destiny Emphasized (verse 24)
- Discipline Engaged (verse 25)

This is a call for us to see that we have the **Strained Stand**. This demands of us to learn about our spiritual experience because God The Christ (Son) is still here.

Verses 26-27 suggests the message of **Assistance** shown in the:

- Short Coming – Limitation of Saints (verse 26a)
- Support – Lift of The Spirit (verse 26b)
- Solidarity – Link within the Sovereign
 - 27a - Awareness
 - 27b – Adherence

This is a call for us to see that we have the **Suppliant Spirit**. This demands of us to learn about our spiritual empathizer because the fact is that God The Comforter (Holy Spirit) is still here.

The frustrations experienced in life is no sign that God has lost control but that full release is promised. Let us therefore rest ourselves in the all-knowing, all-conquering and all-loving God.