

Montrose United Methodist Church Tuesday Bible Study
Joyfully, to Love All, Serve All, and Share Jesus Christ with the World!

“BEAUTY: Beauty and the Beast (God and Me)”

Psalm 27:1-4, 7-8 January 10, 2017

*****Please register your ATTENDANCE**

Sign up for REFRESHMENTS. Thank you!

Prayer Requests / Prayer

Table Discussion: If you could ask one thing of the Lord (*see verse 4 of today's scripture*), for the year 2017 and have it granted, what would it be? Have you asked? If not, why not?

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?**

² When the wicked advance against me
to devour (slander) me,

**it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.**

³ Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;

**though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.**

1. What three qualities of God does David express in verse one?
How have you experienced God in these three ways?

2. In what specific ways do you experience God today as described in
verses 2-3?

3. Do you have a story you would share about an experience during
wartime? What others “wars” have you experienced in your life—
emotionally, relationally, vocationally, spiritually, other?

⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple. (see other side →)**

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD;

be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”

Your face, LORD, I will seek.

4. Verse 4: What does it mean to seek God? What other David Psalm
expresses a similar sentiment as that in verse 4?

5. Verse 8: What does it mean to seek the Lord’s face?

6. Read **Matthew 6:33**. What does Jesus say about seeking?

7. Read **Psalm 27:14**. What does this verse imply about our seeking God?

8. Verse 4: For you, what is “the beauty of the Lord”?

“Ode on a Grecian Urn” –John Keats, 1795–1821

THOU still unravish'd bride of quietness,
Thou foster-child of Silence and slow Time,
...who canst thus express
A flowery tale more sweetly than our rhyme...

Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard
Are sweeter; therefore, ye soft pipes, play on...

She cannot fade, though thou hast not thy bliss,
For ever wilt thou love, and she be fair!...

When old age shall this generation waste,
Thou shalt remain, in midst of other woe
Than ours, a friend to man, to whom thou say'st,
'Beauty is truth, truth beauty,—that is all
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.'

9. What connections do you see between Keats’ poem and the beauty of the
Lord?

Closing Prayer: LORD, keep us confident of this: that we will see Your
goodness in the land of the living. Teach us to wait for You, LORD; to
be strong and take heart and wait for You, LORD. In Jesus’ Name.
Amen.