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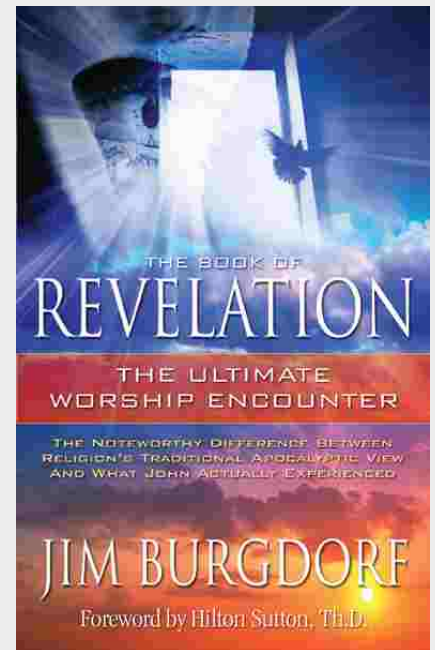
Ps.27:3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. 4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of

the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.'

Nestled in the midst of several verses about enemies, struggle, foes, battle and conflict, is the 4th verse. In it David says, **One thing have I desired...** Deliverance, David? Courage? Battleplans? No. David's sole desire: the Presence of the Lord ... recognizing (as vss.5,6 say) that his victory comes only from that encounter.'

5 AMP *For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter; in the secret place of His tent will He hide me; He will set me high upon a rock. 6 And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me; in His tent I will offer sacrifices and shouting of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the*

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Lord. 8 You have said Seek My face, My Presence as your vital need. My heart says, Your face, your presence, Lord, I will require of necessity.'

4 AMP One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek, inquire for, and [insistently] require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His presence] all the days of my life, to behold and gaze upon the beauty [the sweet attractiveness and the delightful loveliness] of the Lord and to meditate, consider, and inquire in His temple.'

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