

MY SHIELD IS THE LORD (PSALM 3).

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INTRO.

A. Read the text: **Psalm 3.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. It started with David's sin with Bathsheba (**2 Samuel 11**).
2. His punishment included the sword never departing from David's house and trouble would arise from within his own house (**2 Samuel 12:10-12**).
 - 1) **Chapter 13** Absalom murders Amnon. Absalom is banished.
 - 2) **Chapter 14** Absalom returns, and David forgives him.
 - 3) **Chapter 15** Absalom turns the people against David, and he is forced to flee from Jerusalem.

I. MANY ENEMIES HAVE INCREASED (1-2).

A. Sometimes no matter how we try to do what is right, it seems that we are affected by those who are evil.

1. The faithful will have enemies. Why? Because truth exposes sin (**Gal. 4:16**).
2. The faithful would be hated for His name's sake (**Luke 21:17**).

B. Sometimes our enemies are those that we thought were our friends. In times like these, it hurts the most.

1. Think also of Jesus as he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot.
2. **Matthew 10:35-36** Enemies can be those of his own household.
3. **Psalm 41:9** introduces another "friend" that lifted his heel against him.
 - 1) Ahithophel deserted David and sided with Absalom (**2 Sam. 17:1**).
 - 2) **Psalm 3:2** The enemies said, "There is no help for him in God."
 - 3) David knew the Lord would be with him (**1 Samuel 17:37**).

II. THE LORD IS MY SHIELD (3-4).

A. Despite his enemies, David's faith did not waver.

1. The shield of faith "quinces the fiery darts" (**Ephesians 6:16**).
2. God had been with him through so much. Full trust the Lord.
3. Paul had the same attitude (**Phil. 4:13**).

B. David turns to God in prayer.

1. Here is where David found his strength.
2. **Vs. 4** "I *cried* unto the LORD..." Urgency!
3. **James 5:16** "The *effectual fervent* prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (Effectual Fervent is one word in the Greek (energeō)... meaning with energy and confidence.

C. "And He heard me" (**Psalm 34:4**; **1 John 5:14**).

III. EVEN IN SLEEP, THE LORD SUSTAINED HIM (5-7).

A. David slept even though his enemies pursued him.

B. In caves, being pursued, David was still able to sleep.

1. How could he sleep. He knew the Lord was with him.
2. Peter slept in a prison (**Acts 12:6**).
3. Jesus slept during a great storm (**Mark 4:37-38**).

C. Sleep should be peaceful (**Proverbs 3:24**; **Psalm 4:8**; **Psalm 27:1**).

1. Can we close our eyes at night knowing that everything will be alright, even if we do not awaken?
2. **Hebrews 13:6**.

D. **Vs. 7** "... thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly." *This phrase refers to an enemy that cannot inflict injury!*

IV. SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD (8).

A. Here David calls upon the Lord to deliver him.

1. In the end, God saved David.
2. Absalom is defeated and David continues to reign as king (**2 Samuel 18**).

B. The confidence of the Christian (Philippians 1:28**).**

V. CONCLUSION:

- A. David had many enemies, but they could not remove his confidence.**
- B. One of the blessings of the child of God is having confidence in God.**
- C. What about us? Where is our confidence? Can we sleep a sweet sleep?**