

## Psalm 3

### Background:

Insurrection of Absalom and Ahithophel (father of Eliam, the father of Bathsheba).  
There was a significant fall-out effect of David's sin on his family (Tamar and Amnon).  
I am going to present a methodology for how to respond to difficult circumstances.

### vv. 1-2 Choices Have Consequences.

- a. Shimei curses David as he driven out of Jerusalem.
  
- b. The people had concluded that the Lord's anointed had been forsaken and was now receiving the judgment that was due him.
  
- c. This is not unlike what the world has always said about God's anointed people.
  - Where is your God now?
  - You are facing so many difficulties. Why keep serving?

### vv. 3-4 Shout to the Lord.

- a. On the contrary! The lord is a shield; provides protection against the weapons of the adversary.
  
- b. Cry aloud to the Lord. I lean towards losing faith quickly. When faced with trials I conclude that it's not going to work out. However, God intentionally backs us into a corner where we have the no other power or ability to bring about our own deliverance. We then cry aloud and depend upon him; which is the core of the Creator/creature distinction.

### vv. 5-8 Watch for His Salvation.

- a. Sleeping on the run. No worries! The lord protects at all times. We can have rest and peace knowing that our Living God governs the affairs of the world.
  
- b. 'You' strike them... Emphasis is on the Lord working out his own vengeance. Not 'David.' The temptation is to take up arms and solve the problem ourselves.
  
- c. The source of salvation is the Lord himself. He will vindicate your cause and lift you up in the day of trouble.
  
- d. Rev. 19:1, "Salvation and glory and power belong to our God."  
This is the eternal song of the redeemed of the Earth.
  - The song in heaven is sung only by those who have been purchased by the blood of the lamb. I.e., those who belong to and know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Concl. As you assess the situation, will you rely upon your strength? Or, will you cry aloud to the Lord and trust in his salvation?

This is a choice that I leave with you.