

I CRIED UNTO THE LORD WITH MY VOICE PSALMS 3

Text: Psalms 3:4

Introduction:

The titles of many of the Psalms tell their story. This psalm or prayer of David was offered when he fled from his rebellious son Absalom. Among the Old Testament characters no one can tell us so much about prayer than the psalmist.

Notice:

1. DAVID'S COMPLAINT TO GOD (VS. 1)

Psalms 3:1-2

¹ LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me. ² Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. Selah.

Foes surrounded him and discouragers said there was no help or hope for him from God.

2. DAVID'S CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD (VS. 3)

Psalms 3:3

³ But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

Though the enemies were endangering him, God was encircling him.

3. DAVID'S CRY TO GOD (VS. 4-5)

Psalms 3:4-5

⁴ I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah. ⁵ I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

His cry to the Lord made it possible for him to sleep and awake.

4. DAVID'S CONFIDENCE IN GOD (VS.6)

Psalms 3:6

⁶ I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

Faith banishes all fear and doubt

5. DAVID'S CALL UPON GOD (VS. 7)

Psalms 3:7

⁷ Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Courage is not enough, God's help is necessary

6. DAVID'S CONFESSION ABOUT GOD (VS. 8)

Psalms 3:8

⁸ Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

Salvation is not something, but Someone, the Lord Himself.