



PSALMS



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of Joy and Sorrow

Why Psalms?

- *Devotional Guidebook*
- *Mirror of the Soul – Tool of the Soul*
- *Christ and the Psalms*

“If the psalm prays, you pray. If the psalm laments, you lament. If the psalm exalts, you rejoice. If it hopes, you hope. If it fears, you fear. Everything written here is a mirror for us.”

– Augustine

“I have been accustomed to call this book, I think not inappropriately, “An Anatomy of all the Parts of the Soul;” for there is not an emotion of which any one can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror. Or rather, the Holy Spirit has here drawn to life all the griefs, sorrows, fears, doubts, hopes, cares, perplexities, in short, all the distracting emotions with which the minds of men are wont to be agitated.”

– Calvin

“Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.””

– Luke 24:44

Psalm 3

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1. OPPOSITION – 3:1-2

“how many are my foes ... saying, there is no salvation for him”

2. PROTECTION – 3:3-6

“But You, O Lord are a shield ... I will not be afraid of many...”

3. SALVATION – 3:7-8

“Arise, O Lord! Save me ... Salvation belongs to the Lord”

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1. A Different Reason to Sing: OPPOSITION – 3:1-2

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Who are these many enemies and foes?

- *“in the world you will have tribulation” – Matthew 16:33*
- *“a person’s enemies will be those of his own household” – Matthew 16:19*
- *“from within, out of the heart of man, come evil...” – Mark 7:21*
- *“the devil ... is a liar and the father of lies” – John 8:44*
- *“the last enemy to be destroyed is death” – 1 Corinthians 15:26*

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2. A Bigger Truth to Remember: PROTECTION – 3:3-6

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Four Illustration of God’s Protection:

- *“shield”*
- *“answer”*
- *“sleep”*
- *“many thousands”*

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Full Salvation means Full Defeat of All Enemies:

- *Christ’s Crucifixion*
- *Conversion and Sanctification*
- *Christ’s Return of Final Judgment and Full Salvation*
- *so Call out for Salvation*

“Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

