

Psalms 3

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A Psalm of David, When He Fled from Absalom

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Glory — כְּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כְּבוֹד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Salvation — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשׁוּעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

Save — יָשַׁע (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשַׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 3:1 **Resurrection:** Psalms 17:7. **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 16:15; Matthew 27:25

Psalms 3:2

References God: Psalms 42:3; 42:10; 71:11. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 3:4; 3:8; 4:2; 4:4; 22:7; Habakkuk 3:9; 3:13

Psalms 3:3

References Lord: Psalms 18:2; 27:6; 28:7; Genesis 15:1. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 110:7; 119:114. **Glory:** Psalms 62:7; 84:11; Isaiah 60:19; Revelation 21:23

Psalms 3:4

References Lord: Psalms 34:4; 34:6. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 50:15; 91:15; 138:3; Isaiah 65:24; James 5:13. **Holy:** Psalms 2:6; 43:3; 99:9

Psalms 3:5 References Lord: Psalms 4:8; Proverbs 14:26; 18:10. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 66:9; 127:2; Leviticus 26:6; Proverbs 3:24; Isaiah 26:3

Psalms 3:6 Parallel theme: Psalms 2:2; 23:4; 46:2; 46:7; 2 Samuel 18:7; Romans 8:31

Psalms 3:7 References God: Psalms 35:23; 58:6; 59:5. **Parallel theme:** Job 16:10; 29:17.

Resurrection: Psalms 7:6; 10:12; 44:23. **Salvation:** Psalms 6:4. **References Lord:** Isaiah 51:9

Psalms 3:8 Salvation: Isaiah 43:11; Jeremiah 3:23; Hosea 13:4; Jonah 2:9; Acts 4:12; Revelation 7:10. **References Lord:** Proverbs 21:31. **Sin:** Ephesians 1:3. **Blessing:** Psalms 72:17; Acts 3:26

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