

# Psalms 35:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

## Analysis

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The Hebrew verb for 'draw out' (reyq) suggests both unsheathing a weapon and barricading a way, combining offense and defense. The petition 'say unto my soul, I am thy salvation' reveals the psalmist's deepest need—not merely deliverance from enemies but assurance of God's saving presence. The Hebrew 'yeshua' (salvation) foreshadows Christ as Yeshua, the ultimate fulfillment of God's saving word to troubled souls.

## Historical Context

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In ancient warfare, blocking an enemy's path was strategic for cutting off escape or pursuit routes. David's request reflects tactical military thinking applied to spiritual warfare, trusting God to both fight and reassure.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What would it mean for you to hear God say 'I am your salvation' today?
2. How can God's word bring assurance even while battles rage around you?

## Interlinear Text

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Draw out	also the spear	and stop	the way against	them that persecute	me say
H7324	H2595	H5462	H7125	H7291	H559
לְנַפְשִׁי	יְשַׁעְתִּי הָ	אֲנִי:			
unto my soul	I am thy salvation	H589			
H5315	H3444				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 27:2** (Parallel theme): When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

**Isaiah 12:2** (Salvation): Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.