

Psalm 3 (A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.)

### **My enemies seek to destroy me.**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, there are a lot of people out there who have come to consider me their enemy, and the number of them is growing every day. These people are taking their stand against me, and their goal is to destroy me. <sup>2</sup> Many of them have told me that it is useless for me to hope in You for deliverance, but I know better than to believe them. They may be confident in their ignorance, but they do not know You like I do. Now, everyone, stop a minute, and think seriously about the truth I just shared with you <Selah>.

### **God will be my protector.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them say what they will, but I am confident that my trust in You will never be wasted. After all, You are my shield of defense on all sides to protect me from the attacks of my enemies; You are Jesus Christ the Messiah<sup>1</sup>, the one God I can honor because of Your holiness, Your glory, and Your splendor; and You are the God who is able to lift me out of my difficulties and put me back upon the throne of Israel.

### **I prayed to God for deliverance.**

<sup>4</sup> I cried out to You in prayer, telling You all of my needs, and I know that You heard my request from Your throne in heaven. I also know that You are already in the process of taking care of my problems. Lord Jesus, it is such a sweet experience to know that You really have heard my prayer! Now, everyone, stop a minute, and think seriously about the truth I just shared with you <Selah>.

<sup>5</sup> I will lie down and sleep in peace, and after I am rested, I will awaken in safety. I can be this confident because I trust in You to care for me. In fact, it is Your hand of protection over me that enables me to keep on living. <sup>6</sup> My enemies have taken their stand on every side to destroy me, but I will not be afraid of thousands of them as long as You are near to watch over me.

### **The Lord will take vengeance upon my enemies so I do not have to do it.**

<sup>7</sup> Dear Lord Jesus, now is a really good time to get up, and save me from my enemies. In God's eyes You have already landed a knock-out blow to the cheek of my enemies, and You have knocked the teeth out of those wicked people who are trying to destroy me. <sup>8</sup> Deliverance belongs to You, Jesus. Therefore, I can let You take vengeance upon my enemies so that I don't have to do it myself. These people are guilty of evil, so please rise up now and pay them back for their attacks upon me, and do it by shattering them into little pieces until they are completely destroyed. You always bless Your children, and it is always sweet to ponder such a tremendous thought. Now, everyone, stop a minute, and think seriously about the truths I just shared with you <Selah>.

<sup>1</sup> For the sake of application, since Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" the phrase "Jesus Christ the Messiah" has been used.