



The Book of Psalms

Praise and Prayers for Every Day

Psalm 3

Reading: Psalm 3:1-8

This is a Psalm of David when he was fleeing from his son, Absalom. What was some of the characteristics of David's son – good and bad?

What caused David to flee to the Mount of Olives – barefoot and weeping?

How bad was David's circumstances?

David said here - *"I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around"* – what kind of hope and faith rose up in him?

How can the Psalms be tools to fuel our faith in our troubled times?

What was David's response to his son Absalom's death? How can we relate that to our plight to keep our hearts tender and not be overcome by hatred – even for our enemies?

Romans 12:18-19 - *"If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord."*

In our culture today – we, as Christians, are mocked everywhere on television, by the news media, by powerful corporations and so many more – how do we respond?

Promise to cling to this week: *"Salvation belongs to the Lord"* or in the NIV *"From the Lord comes deliverance."*