

David's Devotion

[Psalms 3](#)

Psalm 3:1-8 (NASB)

¹ **“O LORD, how my adversaries have increased! Many are rising up against me.**

² **Many are saying of my soul, "There is no deliverance for him in God." Selah.**

³ **But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head.**

⁴ **I was crying to the LORD with my voice, And He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah.**

⁵ **I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustains me.**

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

⁷ **Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God! For You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek; You have shattered the teeth of the wicked.**

⁸ **Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing *be* upon Your people! Selah.”**

Do you want to know who God is and what He cares about most in your life? You may have stored up lots of intellectual information about the Bible, and that is important, but it's not the main issue. You may serve the Lord, which is also necessary. And you may give generously to the church—another significant aspect of Christian life. But what matters most is the depth of your personal relationship with the Lord. Knowledge, service, and offerings can never replace intimacy with God.

The psalmist-king understood this truth, and it strengthened him in times of trouble. When his son Absalom tried to take over the throne, David fled to the wilderness, where he wrote these words: **“But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head”** ([Psalm 3:3](#))... **“I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me round about”** ([Psalm 3:6](#)). He knew that even in raging adversity, he could count on God's unfailing love and protection.

Throughout David's psalms, we repeatedly see his unwavering dependence on the Lord. It was that passion—not his brute strength, charisma, or ability to command an army—that made him a great man. And even though he had a number of failures, the Bible describes him as a man after God's own heart ([1 Samuel 13:14](#); [Acts 13:22](#)).

1 Samuel 13:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ **“But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”**

Acts 13:22 (NASB)

²² **“After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, ‘I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.’”**

It's not enough to read the Bible, volunteer your services, and give money to kingdom work. God wants to know you personally. While tangible expressions of our devotion are important, they should be the result of a mature relationship with God. When we seek Him first, the rest will follow.