

## Psalm 3 - No Condemnation

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Psalm 3:1-8 ESV (A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.)

- 1 O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
- 2 many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God. Selah
- 3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- 4 I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah
- 5 I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.
- 7 Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people! Selah

### BACKSTORY:

*2 Samuel 12:7-13 ESV*

*7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.*

*8 And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more.*

*9 Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.*

*10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'*

*11 Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.*

*12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'"*

*13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.*

*14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die."*

*2 Samuel 15:1-6 ESV*

*1 After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him.*

*2 And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel,"*

*3 Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you."*

*4 Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice."*

5 And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him.

6 Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

2 Samuel 15:10-14 ESV

10 But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom is king at Hebron!'"

11 With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing.

12 And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

13 And a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom."

14 Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

2 Samuel 15:23-26 ESV

23 And all the land wept aloud as all the people passed by, and the king crossed the brook Kidron, and all the people passed on toward the wilderness.

24 And Abiathar came up, and behold, Zadok came also with all the Levites, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God until the people had all passed out of the city.

25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me back and let me see both it and his dwelling place."

26 But if he says, 'I have no pleasure in you,' behold, here I am, let him do to me what seems good to him."

## The sinfulness residing in our flesh creates:

- **Continual internal conflicts**

Galatians 5:17 NASB

17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Romans 7:18-25 NASB

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good [is] not.

19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,

23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

- **Continual grieving, guilt, repentance**

*Psalm 51:3-5 ESV*

3 *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

4 *Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*

5 *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

*Revelation 12:10 ESV*

10 *And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.*

*Romans 8:22-23 ESV*

22 *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.*

23 *And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

*Matthew 5:3-4 NASB*

3 *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

4 *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

- **Circumstantial consequences**

*2 Samuel 12:14 ESV*

14 *Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die."*

### **If we wallow in our guilt, we will drown beneath condemnation.**

- **Confess**
- **Repent**
- **Move-on**

*Matthew 27:3-5 ESV*

3 *Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders,*

4 *saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."*

5 *And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.*

*Philippians 3:12-15 ESV*

12 *Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.*

13 *Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,*

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

2 Samuel 12:19-23 ESV

19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David understood that the child was dead. And David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "He is dead."

20 Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. He then went to his own house. And when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate.

21 Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food."

22 He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, 'Who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?'

23 But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

**God NEVER abandons His children to sin's consequences and guilt. He always forgives, renews and restores!**

Lamentations 3:1 ESV

1 I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath...

Lamentations 3:18-26 ESV

18 so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the LORD."

19 Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall!

20 My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.

21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

26 It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.