

# SURROUNDED YET SUSTAINED: SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD

## PSALM 3

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

- I. David Surrounded (3:1-2; 2 Sam 12:10-15; 2:3-4)
- II. David Sustained (3:3-6)
  - A. The Lord as Shield (3:3a)
  - B. The Lord as Glory (3:3b)
  - C. The Lord as Restorer (3:3c)
  - D. Confident Trust in the Lord Grants Rest (3:4-6; 4:8)
- III. David Saved (3:7-8)
- IV. David's Savior: Christ Fulfills Psalm 3
  - A. Christ Surrounded (Matt 26:55-56; Mark 15:29-32; Matt 27:46)
  - B. Christ Sustained (Luke 23:46; Luke 22:43; Heb 5:7-8)
  - C. Christ Saved and Saving (Acts 2:32; Eph 5:25-27)

“When someone sings the 3rd Psalm, recognizing his own afflictions he will treat the words of the Psalm as his own as well.... If you are suffering persecution from your own people, and you have many assembled against you, recite the 3rd Psalm.”—Athanasius, *Letter to Marcellinus*

“When waves of sorrow and calamity are dashing over the ship of the Church, it may borrow from this Psalm [a] ground of hope.... Every member of Christ may use it; and we can easily see how the Head himself could adopt it as his own.... Now every believer can say, “My Head once used this Psalm; and while I use its strains, his human heart will recall the day of his humiliation, when himself was comforted thereby.” A believer can take up every clause, and sing it all in sympathy with his Head; hated by the same world that hated him; loved and kept by the same Father that lifted up his head; heard and answered and sustained as he was, and entering [in] with him final victory in the latter day.” —Andrew Bonar, *Christ and His Church in the Book of Psalms*

“Behold the Son of David composing himself to his rest upon the cross, that bed of sorrows; and commending his spirit into the Father's hands, in full confidence of a joyful resurrection, according to the promise, at the time appointed. Behold this, O Christian, and let faith teach thee how to sleep, and how to die; while it assures thee, that as sleep is a short death, so death is only a longer sleep; and that the same God watches over thee, in thy bed, and in thy grave.” —George Horne, *A Commentary on the Book of Psalms*.

### Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What were the circumstances in which David composed and prayed this psalm?
2. How does Christ fulfill this psalm? How do we receive the benefits of Christ's fulfilling this psalm?
3. How can you pray Psalm 3 today? In what circumstances? In light of Christ's coming?