

#### The Psalm 1 Ideal & the Psalm 2 Reality

- Psalm 1— "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord. ... And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."
- Psalm 2— "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, saying, 'Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

<sup>1</sup>A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son. O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; <sup>2</sup> many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God." Selah

<sup>3</sup> But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. <sup>4</sup> I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah

<sup>5</sup> I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me. <sup>6</sup> I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

<sup>7</sup> Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked. <sup>8</sup> Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people! Selah

#### Psalm 3

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- Believers are surrounded by many difficulties.
  - Common Troubles and Concerns of Life
  - Spiritual Battles
  - Consequence of Past Sins
    - "A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son."
      - 2 Samuel chs. 11-15

You must fully rely on God because of your special relationship with Him.

- "O LORD!" (vv. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8)
  - "LORD" ("Yahweh") is God's covenantal name, by which He swore to be faithful exclusively to His own people.
  - "He answered me from His holy hill." (vs. 4)

You must fully rely on God because He is strong.

- "But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head." (vs. 3)
- "Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked." (vs. 7)

You must fully rely on God because He gives perfect peace.

• "I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me." (vs. 5)

You must fully rely on God because it honors Him.

• "I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around." (vs. 6)

You must fully rely on God because you must minister to others.

• "Salvation belongs to the LORD; may your blessing be on your people! Selah." (vs. 8)