

NOT AFRAID OF TEN THOUSAND!

AN EXPOSITION OF PSALM 3



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David knew that nothing which rises up against us can prevail when the Lord rises to our aid.

Background: 2 Samuel 15-18 (Absalom's Rebellion)

Collection Context: An illustration of Psalm 2:1-2

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PURPOSE: David trusts in Yahweh's care during the tumultuous time of Absalom's rebellion. While he is concerned about mounting opposition, he is confident in Yahweh's protection and ultimate vindication.

Type: Lament with Strong Trust

Author: David **Date:** After 985 BC (2 Sam. 15-18)

Setting: David on the run during Absalom's rebellion
Grouping: Pss 3-6 each refer to morning & evening

HEADINGS V. 0	LAMENT: DAVID'S CONCERN ABOUT MOUNTING OPPOSITION VV. 1-2	CONFIDENCE: DAVID'S TRUST IN YAHWEH'S PROTECTION VV. 3-6	PETITION: DAVID'S PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE & BLESSING VV. 7-8
Song Type "Psalm," a song intended for musical accompani- ment Authorship David Occasion David's Flight from Absalom (2 Sam. 15- 18)	The Multiplication of Enemies: A Helpless Situation v. 1 The Assessment of Onlookers: Divine Abandonment v. 2 [Selah]	Exclamation of Trust in Yahweh's Care vv. 3-4 Yahweh's Protection of David's Person & Honor v. 3 Yahweh's Answer to David's Prayer v. 4 [Selah] Steadiness of Mind thru Prayer vv. 5-6 Yahweh's Presence thru the Night v. 5 David's Confidence against in His Enemies v. 6	Prayer for Victory: Divine Defeat of David's Enemies v. 7 Battle Cry of the Ark v. 7a Recollection of Divine Deliverance v. 7b Prayer for Blessing: The Deliverer's Blessing on the Covenant People v. 8 [Selah]

I. Things Look Bad When Conflict Mounts Up (vv. 1-2)

A. The Multiplication of Enemies (v. 1)

B. The Discouragement from Onlookers (v. 2)

II. God Gives Peace When Our Prayers Go Up (vv. 3-6)

A. Confession of Trust (v. 3)
(cf. 2 Sam 15:31-32)

B. The Experience of Peace (vv. 4-5)
(cf. 2 Sam 17:16)

C. Confidence in Trouble (v. 6)

III. Victory Comes When God Rises Up (vv. 7-8)

A. Arousing the Holy God of War (v. 7)
(cf. Numb 10:35; 2 Sam 14:24-26)

B. Knowing the Blessing of Rescue (v. 8)