The Small and Passing Darkness

Psalm 3

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The Big Idea: Becoming a Christian does not remove the presence of trials and adversaries in our lives. However, the God of peace and comfort is our God and every road that the believer walks is still in the palm of God's hand.

Psalm 3 (NASB)

3 **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**

The Presence of Darkness (Psalm 3:1-2)

- Selah- Stop and Meditate.
- Psalm 3 is David's response to having to flee from Absalom.
- "It is the most bitter of all afflictions to be led to fear that there is no help for us in God."- Charles Spurgeon
- Part of being a Christian is recognizing your own weakness.
- The presence of trials in the life of the Christian is not a sign that God has stopped loving you.

The Presence of God (Psalm 3:3-4)

1. David recognizes his problems but he also recognizes his protection.

2. There is not a single problem in your life that looks big to God.

3. David may be king over Israel but God is King over all.

4. God the Father will lift the head of every prodigal that comes home.

5. "God always answers, though not always at once and not always as we wish."- James Montgomery Boice

The Presence of Peace (Psalm 3:5-8)

- How was David able to sleep? He knew that God sustained him.
- The Christian is the only person in the world that can have perfect peace.
- "And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."- Philippians 4:7
- In the end, the great shadow which seems to surround us will finally be seen as nothing more than a small and passing thing.
- Jesus endured the reverse of verses 3-4 so that all Christians could apply what David states in those verses to their own lives.

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain, that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

Martin Luther