

Psalm 3 A Psalm of David, when he fled from his son, Absalom

My enemies seek to destroy me

¹ Lord, there are a lot of people out there who have come to consider me their enemy, and the number of them is growing every day. Many of these people are taking their stand against me, and their goal is to destroy me. ² Many of them have told me that it is useless for me to trust in You for deliverance, but I know better than to believe them. They may be confident in their ignorance, but they do not know You like I do.

God will be my protector

³ Let them say what they will, but I am sure that my trust in You will never fail me. After all, You are my shield and my defense on all sides to protect me from the attacks of my enemies. You are Jesus Christ, the Messiah,¹ the one true God I can honor because of Your holiness, Your glory, and Your splendor. You are the God who is able to lift me out of this difficulty and put me back upon the throne of Israel.

I prayed to God for deliverance

⁴ I cried out to You in prayer, telling You all of my needs, and I know that You heard my request from Your throne in heaven. I also know that You are already in the process of taking care of my problems. LORD, it is such a sweet experience to know that You really have heard my prayer. ⁵ Because I trust in You to care for me, I will lie down and sleep in complete peace, and after I am rested, I will awaken in safety. It is Your hand of protection over me that enables me to keep on living. ⁶ My enemies have taken their stand on every side to destroy me, but I will not be afraid of thousands of them as long as You are by my side watching over me.

The LORD will take vengeance upon my enemies so that I won't have to do it

⁷ Lord, I am going to wait for You to get even with my enemies so I won't feel the need to do it myself. These people are guilty of evil, so please rise up and pay them back for their attacks upon me. Shatter them into little pieces until they are completely destroyed. ⁸ It is only right that You should do this instead of me, because deliverance and victory belong to the LORD. You always bless Your children, and it is always sweet to ponder such a tremendous thought.

My request	God's response
(vv. 1-2) My enemies seek to destroy me I need Your help	(v. 3) God will be my Protector
(vv. 4-6) I prayed to God for deliverance	(vv. 7-8) The LORD takes vengeance upon my enemies so that I do not have to

¹ In John 14:6, Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "Jesus Christ, the Messiah" has been used.