

Psalm 3:3-4

THE SHIELD OF GLORY

2017-18 Bonus Verse

HEAD

Memorize what it says.

“³But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

⁴I cried aloud to the LORD,
and he answered me from his holy hill.”

Psalm 3:3-4 (ESV)

Lower School memorizes only verse 3. Upper School memorizes verses 3 and 4.

HEART

Understand what it means.

This passage tells us that God is our protector, the one who shields us from harm. God is the Glorious One, the source of our glory and honor, giving us a way to hold our head up, to stand tall in the face of great hardship and in the midst of those who oppose God. It assures us that when we cry out to Him for help, He will answer us from His place of holiness and power.

How did David describe God as a “shield” (Psalm 28:7; 84:9; 119:114)?

How does God raise up the humble and abase the mighty (1 Sam. 2:7-8)?

HANDS

Put it into action.

We should live with the certainty that God is our protector and encourager. When we are discouraged or afraid, we can turn to Him to restore our confidence, courage and hope. We should call out to Him for help knowing that He will respond, and that He has the power to overcome every circumstance and every enemy.

FIND YOUR COURAGE IN THE LORD.

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Student Study Questions
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1. What does the superscription (the Psalm title) tell us about Psalm 3?
2. What was King David experiencing when he wrote Psalm 3 (2 Sam.15:13-17,30)?
3. What do the first two verses of this Psalm talk about (Psalm 3:1-2)?
4. What are the earliest references to God as a “shield” (Gen. 15:1; Deut.33:29)?
5. What does it mean for God to be “a shield about me” (Job 1:10)?
6. What does it mean when David says the LORD is “my glory” (Psalm 3:3)?
7. In what way does God’s glory become our glory (2 Cor.10:13-18)?
8. What does David mean by “lifter of my head” (Job 10:15)?
9. What does it mean to “cry aloud” to the LORD (Psalm 77:1; 144:1)?
10. How does God “answer” us (Psalm 34:4; 60:5; 108:6)?
11. What is God’s “holy hill” (Psalm 2:4)?
12. How does the truth of this Psalm affect David’s sleep (Psalm 3:5)?
13. How can we relate to David’s circumstances (Psalm 3:6)?
14. What is the source of David’s blessing and salvation (Psalm 3:8)?