

**Psalm 3**

- v1 – foes (noun) enemies  
v2 – deliver (verb) free or save somebody from hardship  
v3 – shield (noun) a large piece of wood or metal carried by soldiers to protect their body in a fight



- v3 – bestow (verb) give something valuable to someone  
v4 – holy (adjective) set apart for God's purpose  
v5 – sustains (verb) keeps you going when the situation is very hard  
v6 – drawn up (phrasal verb) arranged in order or formation  
v7 – arise (verb) get up, rise up  
v7 – strike (verb) hit  
v8 – deliverance (noun) rescue from trouble or danger  
v8 – blessing (noun) favour; approval

**Psalm 3 (New International Reader's Version)**

*A psalm of David when he ran away from his son Absalom.*

<sup>1</sup> LORD, I have so many enemies!

So many people are rising up against me!

<sup>2</sup> Many are saying about me,

"God will not save him."

<sup>3</sup> LORD, you are like a shield that keeps me safe.

You bring me honor. You help me win the battle.

<sup>4</sup> I call out to the LORD.

He answers me from his holy mountain.

<sup>5</sup> I lie down and sleep.

I wake up again, because the LORD takes care of me.

<sup>6</sup> I won't be afraid even though tens of thousands

attack me on every side.

<sup>7</sup> LORD, rise up!

My God, save me!

Strike all my enemies in the face.

Break the teeth of sinful people.

<sup>8</sup> LORD, you are the one who saves.

May your blessing be on your people.

**1 Peter 2:4-12**

v4 – rejected	(verb)	not accepted; thrown away as worthless or useless
v4 – precious	(adjective)	highly valuable
v5 – spiritual	(adjective)	not physical
v5 – sacrifices	(noun)	things offered to God as an act of worship
v6 – Zion	(proper noun)	Jerusalem; the capital of Israel; the city where the temple, which symbolised the presence of God with his people; was located
v6 – cornerstone	(noun)	a stone at the corner of two walls at the base of a building. The cornerstone sets the direction of the building and helps hold the building together.
v6 – ‘put to shame’		caused to feel embarrassed or ashamed
v7 – capstone	(noun)	the stone at the top of a building. It may be considered its climax or highpoint. In some buildings the capstone also holds the building together.
v8 – stumble	(verb)	put your foot down awkwardly when walking and nearly fall over
v8 – destined	(verb)	decided ahead of time that something should happen
v9 – royal	(adjective)	related to a king or queen
v9 – priesthood	(noun)	all those who are priests.  A priest is a mediator between God and people. A priest speaks to God on behalf of people, and speaks and teaches God’s word to his people.
v9 – holy	(adjective)	set apart for God’s purpose
v9 – nation	(noun)	all the people from a particular country
v9 – declare	(verb)	announce; tell aloud and publicly
v9 – praises	(noun)	words expressing admiration and approval
v10 – mercy	(noun)	the act of not giving someone the punishment they deserve
v11 – urge	(verb)	try hard to persuade someone to do something
v11 – aliens	(noun)	foreigners; people who are from a different place
v11 – abstain	(verb)	deliberately not take part in something
v11 – sinful	(adjective)	against God’s instructions; wicked; immoral
v11 – war	(verb)	fight against; oppose strongly and violently
v12 – pagans	(noun)	people who worship gods; people who don’t worship God
v12 – deeds	(noun)	actions
v12 – glorify	(verb)	give honour and praise to someone

**1 Peter 2:4-12 (New International Reader's Version)**

<sup>4</sup> Christ is the living Stone. People did not accept him, but God chose him. God places the highest value on him. <sup>5</sup> You also are like living stones. As you come to Christ, you are being built into a house for worship. There you will be holy priests. You will offer spiritual sacrifices. God will accept them because of what Jesus Christ has done. <sup>6</sup> In Scripture it says,

“Look! I am placing a stone in Zion.  
It is a chosen and very valuable stone.  
It is the most important stone in the building.  
The one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> This stone is very valuable to you who believe. But to people who do not believe,

“The stone the builders did not accept  
has become the most important stone of all.”

<sup>8</sup> And,

“It is a stone that causes people to trip.  
It is a rock that makes them fall.”

They trip and fall because they do not obey the message. That is also what God planned for them.

<sup>9</sup> But God chose you to be his people. You are royal priests. You are a holy nation. You are God's special treasure. You are all these things so that you can give him praise. God brought you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people. But now you are the people of God. Once you had not received mercy. But now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, you are outsiders and those who wander in this world. So I'm asking you not to give in to your sinful desires. They fight against your soul. <sup>12</sup> People who don't believe might say you are doing wrong. But lead good lives among them. Then they will see your good deeds. And they will give glory to God on the day he comes to judge.

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