

From Peril to Praise  
Psalm 3; II Samuel 14-19

Psalms: Mostly About the Challenge of Staying Centered in God No Matter the Circumstances  
...What begins in peril turns to prayer and ends in praise

David (A Man after God's Own Heart) Accepted Adversity as Part of the Journey - Ps 3:1-2

- There will be opposition - Ja 1:2-4

David (A Man after God's Own Heart) Saw His Peril as a Call to Prayer - Ps 3:4

- Communion with the Lord - Acts 4:24

..."But You, O Lord..." re-directs him to God

...His peril is the impetus to seek God

David (A Man after God's Own Heart) Saw the Person of God as His Only Deliverer - Ps 3:8

...David leaned upon God - Ps 3:5

...He received peace as the witness of God upon his faith - Ps 3:5

David (A Man after God's Own Heart) Saw Peril as an Opportunity to Bring Blessing to Others  
- Ps 3:8

...He became an intercessor - Matt 5:44-45

David Learned that God Sustained Him As...

- His Shield - Ps 3:3; Gen 15:1; II Sam 22:31,36

...God comes between me and my enemy - I Jo 5:20; Ps 3:7

- His Glory - Ps 3:3; Ps 62:7

...God gives us our substance - Ps 39:5-6; 102:11; Ja 4:14; Ecc 4:4

- His Lifter/Exalter - Ps 3:3; 27:5-6; 113:7

...God restores our perspective/hope

In Christ, God Becomes our Indwelling...

...Shield: He stands between us and all our enemies - I Jo 4:4; II Cor 2:14

...Glory: His glorious, solid, eternal nature abides in us - Col 1:27; II Pet 1:3,4

...Exalter: His passion for what is possible gives us hope - I Tim 1:1; Ro 8:28-29