

## MORNING WORSHIP

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Theme: A Deeper Trust in the Face of Troubled Times

Text: Psalm 3

Title: Assurance of Blessing

### (I) THE TROUBLERS OF LIFE

*"LORD, how they have increased who trouble me!*

*Many are they who rise up against me.*

*Many are they who say of me,*

*'There is no help for him in God.'*

*Psalm 3:1-2*

#### **1. Trouble from Trouble-makers**

a) Presence of trouble-makers

b) Increase of trouble-makers

#### **2. Taunts of trouble-makers**

a) Negative Use of the tongue

b) Cynical and barbed remarks

### (II) UNTROUBLED BECAUSE OF TRUST IN THE LORD

*"But You, O LORD, are a shield for me,*

*My glory and the One who lifts up my head.*

*I cried to the LORD with my voice,*

*And He heard me from His holy hill.*

*I lay down and slept;*

*I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.*

*I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people*

*Who have set themselves against me all around."* *Psalm 3:3-6*

#### **1. Trust in God**

a) As a Shield

b) As the One who will give glory

c) As the One who will lift up the head in vindication

#### **2. Wonderful expressions of Trust**

a) Earnest Prayer

b) Restful Sleep

c) Freedom from fear

d) Sustained in confidence

### **(III) ASSURANCE OF GOD'S BLESSINGS**

*"Arise, O LORD;  
Save me, O my God;  
For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone;  
You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.  
Salvation belongs to the LORD.  
Your blessing is upon Your people."*      *Psalm 3:7-8*

- 1. God will respond to prayers made to Him**
- 2. God will deal with the ungodly**
- 3. God will bring about salvation (deliverance)**
- 4. God will pour out His blessings upon His people who trust Him**