

# Sermon Scavenger Hunt

## Psalm 3

**T**hink about it...Do you ever have trouble falling asleep? What do you do when you can't sleep?

**S**ermon Scavenger Hunt Questions...Listen to the sermon to discover answers to the following questions. Submit your answers for a prize!

1. True or False. Of the 150 Psalms written over 60 are either individual or corporate laments. Psalms of lament are musical poems directed to God which express deep sorrow, sufferings, and disappointment.
2. In their book, *How to Read the Bible for All it's Worth* Doug Stuart and Gordon Fee studied all the lament Psalms and identified six elements that appear in almost all of the lament Psalms: Address, Complaint, Trust, Deliverance, Assurance, and Praise. As we read Psalm 3 see if you can find each of these six elements.
3. Who wrote Psalm 3?

*A psalm of David. When he fled from his son Absalom.*

- 1 LORD, how many are my foes!  
How many rise up against me!
- 2 Many are saying of me,  
"God will not deliver him."
- 3 But you, LORD, are a shield around me,  
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.
- 4 I call out to the LORD,  
and he answers me from his holy mountain.
- 5 I lie down and sleep;  
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.
- 6 I will not fear though tens of thousands  
assail me on every side.
- 7 Arise, LORD!  
Deliver me, my God!  
Strike all my enemies on the jaw;  
break the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 From the LORD comes deliverance.  
May your blessing be on your people.



4. Describe what is happening between David and his son, Absalom, (the background of Psalm 3) recorded in 2 Samuel 12-15?
5. David's prayer is addressed to the LORD. When LORD is in all caps in our English translation that means it is the Hebrew word Y HW H. (Fill in the missing vowels).
6. What is David's complaint in verses 1-2?
7. What does David trust in verses 4-6?
8. True or False. The Lord is pictured as a sword used in battle that could be easily moved around to provide 360 degrees of protection from threats on all sides.
9. True or False. Jerusalem is the location of God's holy mountain, the place where the tabernacle of the Lord resides. David is on the run and far away from God's holy mountain, but God still hears him. Likewise, no matter where we are in life, we can be confident and trust that God hears our prayers.
10. In the midst of stress, David's trust in God allows him to lie down, sleep and wake again in the morning. Sometimes when we are trying to fall asleep our worries can keep us awake. Like David, what could we do with our stress before trying to sleep at night?
11. David also trusts God will deliver him and asks God to do so (verse 7). Can you think of any other stories from David's life where David experienced deliverance from his enemies?
12. In verse 8, David once again puts his focus on Yahweh in praise. David says that deliverance comes from God who alone is sovereign over every battle. How does God deliver David from Absalom?
13. The Hebrew word in Psalm 3:8 for deliverance is Yeshua which means \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_(fill in the blank). This is where we get the name Jesus.  
Remember what the angel told Joseph in a dream, "*She will give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*" **Matthew 1:21**
14. God delivered David through the death of his rebellious son. God brings you and me *ultimate deliverance* through the death of His perfect Son who, hung on a tree (the cross) for our sin. Because Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_ we can bring our sorrow, stress, and challenges to God and trust God will work out his plan.