

Trouble, Trust, and Triumph - Psalm 3

A Canvas of God's Faithfulness

Background: 2 Samuel 15:13–17:22

Analyzing the Issues in David's Life

How many of these issues were caused by...

- David's neglect or sin?
- God orchestrating events behind the scenes?
- Wicked men taking advantage of a situation?

We must recognize that in all our troubles, there are **three contributing factors**:

- Our own sinfulness
- God's hidden (or not-so-hidden) hand
- Man's opportunism

(Proverbs 16:9; Matthew 6:13; Proverbs 21:1)

Think About It

- Why does it say that man deviseth what he wants to do but God makes the "final call"? (Proverbs 16:9)
- How does a verse like Matthew 6:13 play into this?
- What about Proverbs 21:1?

Can God override our decisions? *(See Genesis 20:6; Exodus 7:3)*

Remember the meaning of "Harden": God removed conviction so Pharaoh would have the courage to act according to his own fleshly desires. Is God required to convict us of sin?

How would Romans 2:5 play into this?

Read Romans 9 and look specifically at vs. 22. What is one of the reasons God "puts up with" evil?

What is God's end goal? What is He trying to accomplish in the world?

"Times and Seasons"

Ecclesiastes 3

How many of these do we really have control of?

How many are caused by God orchestrating events behind the scenes?

How many of these issues are caused by men taking advantage of the situation?

"Trust in God in Times of Trouble" - Psalm 3

How do we respond when things go badly in God's world?
Who do we look to for help?

Overview of the Psalm

1. **A time of trouble** (v. 1)
 2. **A time of mocking** (v. 2)
 3. **A time of trust** (v. 3a)
 4. **A time of assurance** (v. 3b)
 5. **A time of encouragement** (v. 3c)
 6. **A time of crying** (v. 4)
 7. **A time of hearing** (v. 4b)
Think about it (Selah)
 8. **A time of rest** (v. 5a)
 9. **A time to get up** (v. 5b) (*1 Kings 19*) *Elijah – still small voices, food*
 10. **A time of provision** (v. 5c)
 11. **No time for fear** (v. 6)
 12. **No time to mince words** (v. 7)
 13. **No time to wander** (v. 8) (*John 6:67*) *"Will you leave me too; where would we go?"*
Think about it (Selah)
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Application

1. **Own Your Part** (*2 Samuel 12:13; James 5:16*)
 - Confess neglect/sin promptly; don't let it fester into rebellion.
 - **Journal:** "What 'Bathsheba' am I ignoring?"
2. **See God's Hand** (*Proverbs 16:9; Romans 8:28*)
 - Pray Proverbs 21:1 over leaders/enemies—ask, "Lord, turn this stream."
 - Trust His 'final decision' even in chaos.
3. **Guard Against Men Taking Advantage** (*Proverbs 27:6; Ephesians 5:15–17*)
 - Discern flattery (Matthew 6:13). Build accountability to spot Zibas early (2 Samuel 16, 19).
4. **Embrace Seasons** (*Ecclesiastes 3:11; Philippians 4:6–7*)
 - In Ecclesiastes "times," release control—plant in weeping, harvest in laughing.
 - Use apps/reminders for gratitude shifts.
5. **Trust Like David** (*Psalm 3:5; 1 Kings 19:5–8*)
 - Daily: Cry (v. 4), rest (v. 5), arise (v. 7).
 - Start mornings with Psalm 3 recitation; end with Selah pauses.
6. **Point to Christ** (*Hebrews 12:2; Psalm 3:8*)
 - In trials, echo John 6:68—He's the true Lifter of heads.
 - Share testimonies to bless "your people."