

TURNING TROUBLES INTO TRIUMPHS!

Psalms 3:1-8

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Everyone goes through trouble. Christian or non-Christian. There is no way of getting around it (*John 16:33*) The cycle is peace, problems and praise! The story of Absalom is found in *2 Samuel 13-18*

1. DAVID'S MANIFOLD PLIGHTS – v. 1-2

David cries and tells the Lord that his problems came from people who hated him and that are against him and believed the Lord had turned His back on him. But despite the overwhelming situation David takes his problems to God.

2. DAVID'S MEMORABLE PRAISE – v. 3

As David looked back on how God dealt with enemies in the past (King Saul and others), he recounts that God shielded him and was glorifying Himself.

3. DAVID'S MOURNFUL PRAYER – v. 4

David was on the run away from temple where the presence of God was located. But He understood that his distance from the temple didn't cause him to lose his signal with God. God heard and God answered!
2 Sam. 15:30-31

4. DAVID'S MIND OF PEACE – v. 5

a) He was able to go to sleep with something that would ordinarily keep him up at night!

b) He was able to wake up and was refreshed by God's sustaining power. *Isaiah 26:2; Proverbs 3:24-26*

5. DAVID'S MANLY POISE – v. 6

Giving in to fear is a choice based upon whether you have faith in God or not. The number doesn't matter!
Psalm 138:3

6. DAVID'S MOVING PETITION – v.7

David petitions the Lord from his position of personally belonging to Him in relationship, to act now on his behalf and do the saving work. *Psalms 62:11* David says, "Now Lord.....get up and get him! Show them Your power!"

7. DAVID'S MAGNIFICENT PRONOUNCEMENT – V. 8

David pronounced for all to read and understand that for the people of God, deliverance comes from the Lord! That's what He's known for and can be counted upon to perform in our lives time after time, trouble after trouble.