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You will remember the sad story of David's flight from his own palace, when in the dead of night he crossed the brook Kedron, and went with a few faithful followers to hide himself for a while from the fury of his rebellious son. Remember that David in this was a type of the Lord Jesus. He, too, fled, he, too passed over the brook Kedron when his own people were in rebellion against him, and it was with a feeble band of followers He went to the garden of Gethsemane. By very many expositors this is entitled **The Morning Hymn**.



Division: This Psalm may be divided into four parts of two verses each. As in our modern sermons, we divide our discourse into different heads, so it is in these Psalms. There is always unity, but it is a unity of a bundle of arrows,

and not of a single solitary shaft. In the first two verses you have David making a complaint of God concerning his enemies (1-2); then he declares his confidence in the Lord (3-4); sings of his safety in sleep (5-6); and strengthens himself for future conflict (7-8) – Charles Spurgeon

A Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son.

- ¹ O LORD, how they increase who trouble me! many rise up against me.
- ² Many say of my soul, There is no help for him in God.

Selah, pause and think about it: The poor broken-hearted father complains of the multitude of his enemies. We know the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom, while the troops of David constantly diminished. "There is no help for him in God" Some of his distrustful friends said this sorrowfully, but his enemies exultingly boasted of it, and longed to see their words proved by his total destruction. Some flung his crime in his face, some cursed him and swore at him to his face, how slippery and deceitful are the many; how little loyalty and reliability is found among men.

- ³ But You, O LORD, are a Shield about me; my Boast -- the One who lifts my head.
- ⁴I cried out to the LORD, and my voice He answered from His holy hill.

Selah. think about it: the word suggests more than a shield; it means "a buckler roundabout" a protection which surrounds a man entirely, above, beneath, around, without and within. He knew that though he was driven from his capital in contempt and scorn, he would yet return in triumph; and by faith he looks to God as honoring him. And though I hang my head in sorrow, I will soon lift it up in joy and thanksgiving

- ⁵ So I laid down and slept; and I awoke; because the LORD sustained me.
- ⁶ I do not fear ten thousands of people, who surround themselves against me.

Again, think about it: His faith enabled him to rest; he knew full well what it was to walk in darkness and to see no light. And observe that he does not under-estimate the number... or wisdom of his enemies. He reckons them at tens of thousands, and he views them as cunning hunters... chasing him with cruel skill.

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There may be no way of escape, they may hem him in as the deer are surrounded by the hunters. Yet he does not tremble. Anxiety would certainly keep him watching for the enemy. They may surround me on every side, but in the name of the Lord, he will dash them all through. In my very prison I will be free.

⁷O LORD; rise up and save me, O my God: for You smacked all my enemies on the cheekbone; and You broke the teeth of fools.

⁸ Salvation / Yeshua belongs to the LORD -- Your blessing to Your people.

Selah, pause and think about it: in Hebrew, salvation is: **Yeshua** from where comes the name: **Jesus**; of course he didn't know that at the time, but one thing he did know, God was still on His throne; and amid the many promises of God that he knew from the days of Goliath, the Lord had saved his sorry self, many times.

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