



**Summer In The Psalms Series – Lesson 4
WHEN LIFE FALLS APART**

Psalm 3

INTRODUCTION

When life falls apart, you can experience God's peace by laying hold of Him in believing prayer.

1. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN LIFE FALLS APART (3:1-2).

2. WHEN LIFE FALLS APART, YOU MUST KNOW WHO GOD IS AND HOW TO LAY HOLD OF HIM IN PRAYER (3:3-4).

A. The Lord is our shield.

B. The Lord is our glory.

C. The Lord is the restorer of our joy.

D. The Lord is our prayer-answering God (3:4).

3. WHEN YOU LAY HOLD OF THE LORD IN PRAYER, YOU WILL EXPERIENCE HIS PEACE (3:5-6).

4. BELIEVING PRAYER DEPENDS COMPLETELY ON GOD FOR DELIVERANCE (3:7-8).

Conclusion

Application Questions

1. Why does God not always remove the consequences of our sins, even after we've repented? See Hebrews 12:3-11.
2. David not only prayed; he also escaped and then organized his army to fight the enemy. Where is the proper balance between prayer and the use of permissible means?
3. Some say that to pray in faith means to "command God" to act according to His promises. Why is this wrong? See 2 Sam. 15:25-26.
4. Why is it essential not just to pray for your problems, but also to pray for God's greater purpose and glory for His people?