



# DISCIPLE

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**Course:** A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

**Lesson:** 21\_3 - PSALMS

**Passage:** Psalms 3

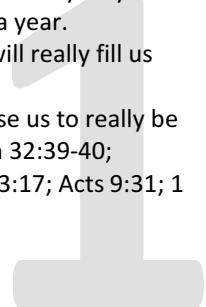
## MEDITATION #1

### Disciples Meditate

- It is through MEDITATION - not reading - that we grow and mature as disciples.
- God gave His Word to STUDY.
- 8 times the Holy Spirit, God, moved the Psalmist in Psalm 119 to use the word “meditate” or “meditation”. (Psalm 119:15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148)
- In Psalm 1 and Psalm 119 we learn that disciples (those who have been blessed by GOD) meditate on God’s Law “day and night” (Psalm 1:2) and “all day long”. (Psalm 119:97)
- READ Psalm 19:7-14. May the our meditation be acceptable in YOUR sight, O LORD, our strength and our Redeemer.

### Why Memorize and Meditate on Psalm 3?

- ① Because disciples meditate on God’s Word.
- ② Because Psalm 3 was given to us to study for our learning, endurance, and comfort. (Romans 15:5)
- ③ Because in meditating on Psalm 3 we will SEE God in many ways that we would not see if we were just reading it once a year.
- ④ Because it will fill us with AWE of God. Because it will really fill us with the AWE of God.
- ⑤ Because it will fill us with a real FEAR of God and cause us to really be filled with REVERENCE of Him. Consider Jeremiah 32:39-40; Genesis 22:12; Psalm 112:1; Proverbs 14:26-27; 23:17; Acts 9:31; 1 Peter 1:13-21.



### Three Selah's

- The term “selah” is used 71 times in the Psalms.
- Though the exact meaning of the word is unknown many theologians believe it is a musical term indicating a PAUSE. For a disciple this may be a time that he pauses and REFLECTS seriously of what was just said before going on in the Psalm.
- “Selah” is used 3 times in Psalm 3.

### The Inscription

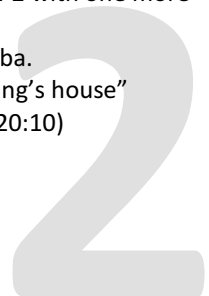
- As we learned in our first lesson, 116 psalms have editorial inscriptions added. These point to historical events and/or instructions. These inscriptions are to be taken into consideration for a more fuller understanding of the Psalm.
- Psalm 3's Inscription: “A Psalm of David When He Fled from Absalom His Son”.
- This inscription takes us back to 2 Samuel 15-17. But to fully understand Psalm 3 we will have to go back to David's sin with Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11.

### BUT First, the First Word (Psalm 3:1)

- LORD - Yahweh - God's covenant name with His people.
- (2 Samuel 23:1-5) God was in an **everlasting covenant** with David.
- Just as the LORD was in an everlasting covenant He is in an everlasting covenant with all that are His. (Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:40; Ezekiel 37:26; Hebrews 8:6-13; 9:15; 10:16-17; 13:19-20; Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24)
- David cries out to the LORD who is and had shown Himself to a faithful, covenant keeping God.

### A Different David (2 Samuel 11:1-5)

- The Holy Spirit contrasts the David of 9:1-3 and 10:1-2 with one more concerned with *eros* love than with *hesed* love.
- David saw, lusted, took, took, and laid with Bathsheba.
  - ★ Take note of v.2 - “walked on the roof of the king's house”
- What is the punishment for this SIN? (See Leviticus 20:10)



## *A Scary Passage!*

### **THE LESSON for US**

David was God's chosen servant – a man after God's own heart!  
The warning of chapter 11 is that ALL professed servants of Christ are prone to fall away.

- Consider Robert Robinson's words to "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" – Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love.
- If you say, "This could never happen to me – you have taken the first step!" (1 Corinthians 10:12; Proverbs 16:18; Romans 11:20-22; Revelation 3:17-18; Matthew 26:40-41)
- Consider's Peter's denials. (Luke 22:31-34, 40, 54-62)

#### **Sin Leads to More Sin (2 Samuel 11:6-13)**

- Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, is called out of battle.
  - Uriah was a Gentile.
  - He was one of David's elite warriors. (2 Samuel 23:29)
  - According to the Dead Sea Scrolls and Josephus, Uriah was Joab's weapon-bearer.
- (v. 7) David shows a "false" concern for his troops and his kingdom.
- (v. 8) David commands Uriah to go home.
- (vv. 9-11) Uriah's integrity – he is loyal to his God and his fellow soldiers.
- (vv. 12-13) David gets Uriah drunk with wine.

#### **Murder Committed Before Death Comes (vv. 14-25)**

- (vv. 14-15) David sends Joab the order to have Uriah killed. David send the letter by the hand of Uriah!! – what coldness!!!!
- (vv. 16-24) Joab "obeys" David's commands.
- Who is guilty of the crime (sin) of murder???
- When was David guilty of murder? (Consider Matthew 5:21-22)
- The penalty for murder: DEATH. (Genesis 9:6; Exodus 21:12-14; Leviticus 24:17; Numbers 35:31; Deuteronomy 19:11-12)
- Meditate on 1 John 3:15-16. Uriah was willing to lay down his life for David. David willingly took Uriah's life for his own pleasure.
- "David put Mephibosheth at his table and Uriah in his grave!"
- (v. 24) Not only did Uriah die in David's and Joab's scheme – others died as well – elite and loyal soldiers!!!

### **Yahweh's Displeasure (vv. 26-27)**

- Notice how the Holy Spirit calls Bathsheba – **“the wife of Uriah.”**
- A child is born. (Consider 1 Samuel 1:5-6; 2:21; Genesis 29:31; Psalm 139:13; Acts 17:25-26)
- (v. 27) Literally: “The thing that David had done was evil in Yahweh’s eyes!”
- Consider David’s words to Joab in v. 25!!
- David and Joab can brush it off – BUT Yahweh will NOT!!!!
- Yahweh saw EVERYTHING!
- Meditate on: Psalm 11:4-5; 33:13; 44:21; Proverbs 15:3; Jeremiah 17:10; 23:24; **HEBREWS 4:13**
- **“HE WHO COVERS HIS SIN WILL NOT PROSPER.”** (Prov. 28:13)

We need to live our lives **KNOWING** that all  
is naked before our God!



Next Week

## Meditation #2

### Pardon and Consequences of Sin

2 Samuel 12:7-14 **Thus says the LORD God of Israel:** 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. (8) I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! (9) Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. (10) Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' (11) **Thus says the LORD:** 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. (12) For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.' "

(13) So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. (14) However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die."



# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,**

**Call for songs of loudest praise:**

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
**And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,**  
Safely to arrive at home:  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
**Daily I'm constrained to be!**  
Let Thy grace, Lord, **like a fetter,**  
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee:  
**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,**  
**Prone to leave the God I love;**  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.