

Salvation Belongs to the LORD

Psalm 3:7-8

verse 7a – David's prayer is in direct response to his enemies.

First, David repeats the use of the Hebrew word *qûm* (*arise* or *rise up*) from verse 1.

Second, David uses the verb *yasha* (*save*), which is related to the noun *yeshûah* (*help* or *salvation*) in verse 2.

Third, David speaks in a personal way of "my God" instead of the impersonal reference to "God" by his enemies in verse 2.

Verse 7b

The verbs here have been translated in at least four different ways. It is, perhaps, best to understand David as speaking prophetically of what the LORD will do as so certain that it is referred to as though it has already been accomplished.

1 Kings 22:24; Job 16:10-11 – figuratively striking enemies on the cheekbone

Psalm 58:6; Joel 1:6 – figuratively breaking the teeth of enemies

Verse 8a

Having used the noun *yeshûah* (*help* or *salvation*) in verse 2 and the related verb *yasha* (*save*) in verse 7, David again takes up the noun *yeshûah* to speak more broadly of the *salvation* of the LORD.

Psalm 51:1-3, 12-13

Verse 8b

The salvation of the LORD is the blessing that is upon His people.