

Psalms 1 & 2 are the doorway into the psalms (1:1; 2:12)

Walk through door. What's on other side? Trouble!

O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God. Are you in trouble? Are you troubled?

Job 5:7 Jesus (John 16:33)

King David was in trouble. His son Absalom
orchestrated a coup d'etat (2 Samuel 15:5-10).
What to do when trouble stalks you?

**'Many are saying of my soul,
there is no salvation for him in God.'
Don't leave God out of the process.'**

³ 'But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

⁴ I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.'

Shield 'Don't be afraid, Abram. ***I am your shield, your very great reward***' (Gen 15:2).

My glory 'I appointed you ruler...I will raise up your offspring...I will establish his kingdom forever' (2 Sam 7:8; 11,12,16). The royal promise looks beyond Solomon to Jesus,

'How much more will they reign through Jesus' (Rom 5:17).

To reign means **enduring** and **overcoming** in suffering (2 Timothy 2:11-12; Rev 3:21).

⁵ I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

⁶ I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side.

Jesus promises peace.

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you....do not be afraid.' (John 14:27).

Jesus lifts my head high' (3:3).

We lie down safely to sleep, but reality occurs in the waking hours. We must get up!
It appears David is pleading to God, who never slumbers or sleeps (121:4), to wake up.

⁷ Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; You break the teeth of the wicked. Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

In saying, **'Arise, O LORD!'** David's poetic anger for his enemies to stop their taunts is an echo of Jesus. In Gethsemane, Jesus faced his enemies: **'Rise! Let us go!'** (Mk14:42).

People said to David --

David replied:

David said,

Jesus says to his people

'There is no salvation for him in God'

'Salvation belongs to the LORD.'

'Many are rising against me'

'Rise' with me!