

Thoughts for the week 2 – Psalms 3 and 4:-

These two Psalms could be headed “Morning and Evening Prayer”.

Psalm 3 – A Morning Prayer of confidence:- Traditionally written by King David at the time of his son Absalom’s rebellion. David had to flee from Jerusalem leaving his capital city in the hands of his enemies. See 2 Samuel chapter 15, especially verses 13 – 18. Psalm 3 verse 5 gives the reason for confidence in the Lord. The psalmist has been brought safely through the night and knows that his cry for help (verse 4) will be answered! This confidence is emphasised in verse 7 for “*deliverance belongs to the Lord*” (verse 8).

Psalm 4 – An Evening Prayer before sleep:- The prayer of the psalmist has been partially answered! (Verses 1 - 2). There are still problems but the Lord hears and is in control (verse 3). Verses 4 -5 give some advice - “*put your trust in the Lord*”.

The Psalm closes with a prayer – verse 6 and a statement of confidence in the Lord - verses 7 – 8.

Again - always remember that “*The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient: He sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.*” Psalm 99 verse 1, in the book of Common Prayer.

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