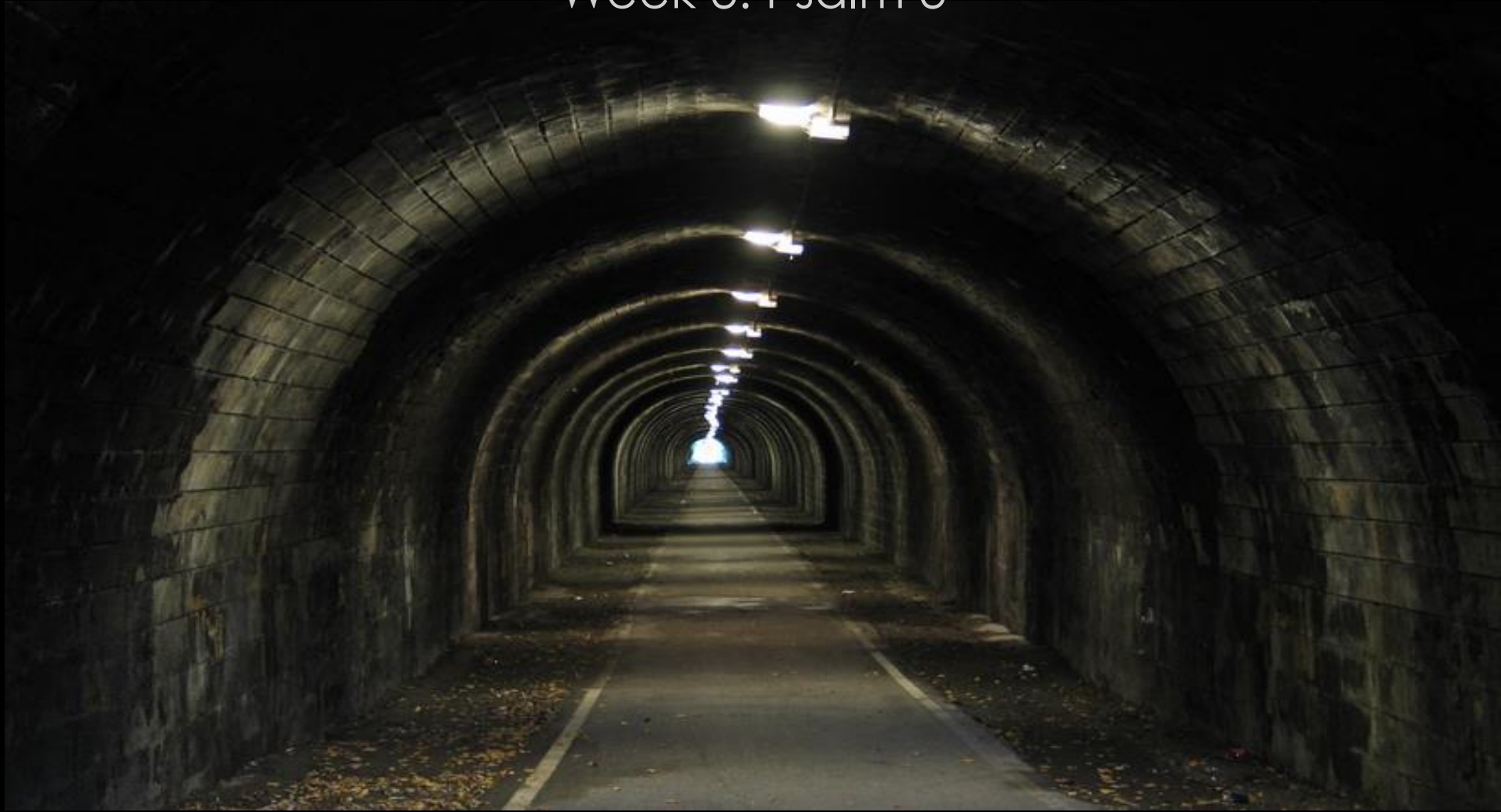


A pass through
The Psalms

Week 3: Psalm 3



David wrote this Psalm
**while fleeing from his
son Absalom,**
who was trying to take
over the kingdom of Israel.



¹ O LORD,
I have so
many
enemies;
so many are
against me.



David was battling
(1) physical enemies

as well as

(2) spiritual enemies

David was battling **(1) physical enemies**

2 Samuel 15:1, 13-14: “Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him...and a messenger came to David, saying, “The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom.” Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, “Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword.”

David was battling

(2) spiritual enemies

2 Samuel 7:12-13: “I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

Isaiah 9:6-7: “For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David...

In life, you and I will have many **enemies & battle grounds**. Life is a daily battle of **people & situations** rising against you.



Physical Enemies:

Physical Enemies could be:

- Your looks
- Your weight
- Your money
- People, Possessions, Property

Spiritual Enemies

Spiritual Enemies could be:

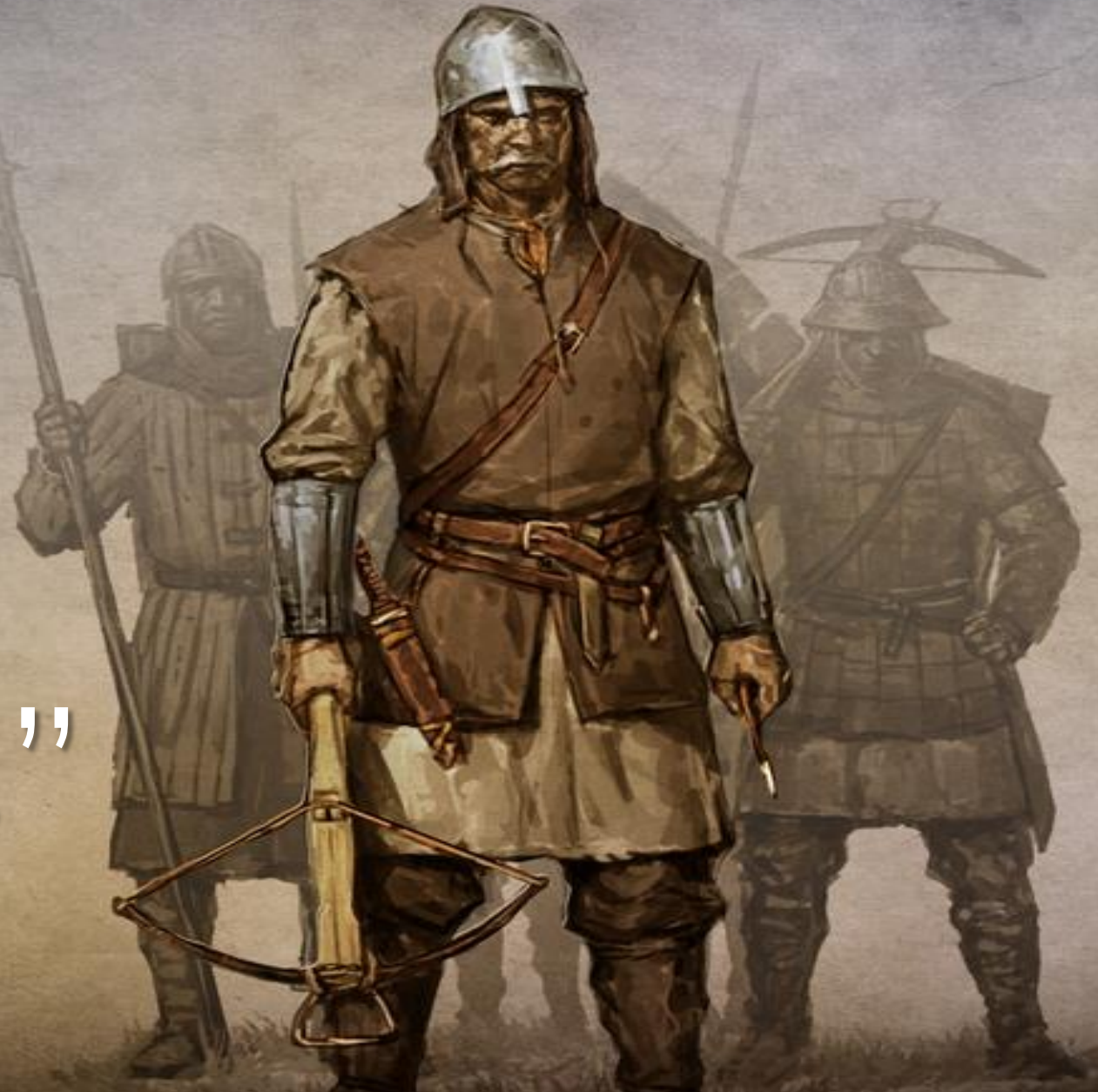
- Temptation

- Pride

- Lust

- Satan, Lies, False beliefs

2 So many
are saying,
“God will
never
rescue him!”



As a Christian, there may be many who are calling you out because you believe in Christ and what the Bible proclaims to be true. There are certainly many who are watching **to see if your faith falters** and **to see if God will fail you.**

³ But you, O LORD, are a shield
around me; you are my glory, the
one who holds my head high.



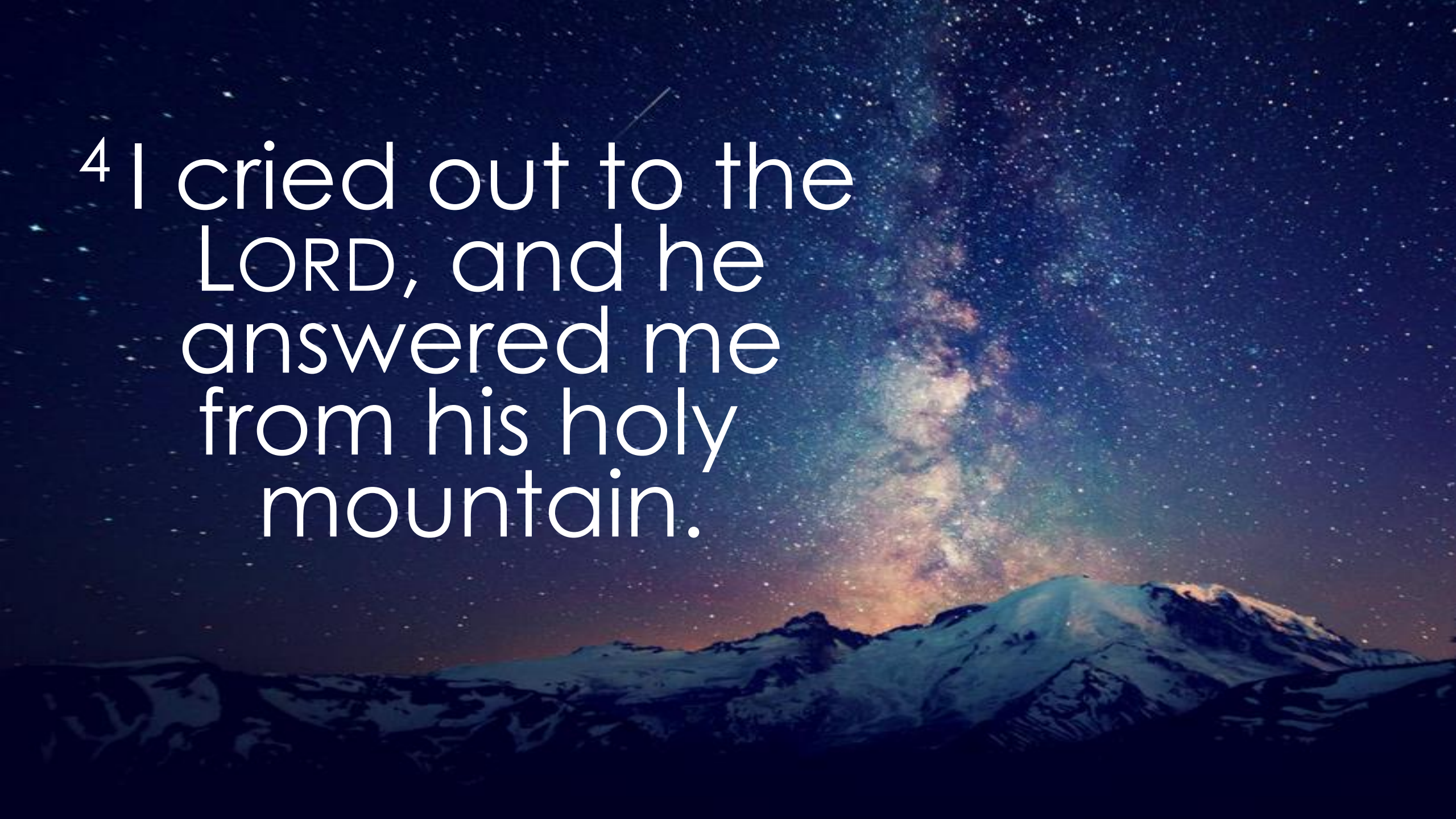
God promises to be **a shield** and **a fortress**
to all who seek refuge in him.



God encompasses those who turn to him as their only hope.



4 I cried out to the
LORD, and he
answered me
from his holy
mountain.



God listens to those who cry out to him and
God answers when we turn to him for help.



For you have rescued me from my troubles and helped me to triumph over my enemies. Psalm 54:7

This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. Psalm 34:6

The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all. Psalm 34:19

Thankfully David did not turn to himself for protection, wisdom, comfort and guidance.
He cried out to God.



Whatever you are going through,
whatever battles you are fighting,
TURN TO GOD. CRY OUT TO GOD.
He loves you and he loves to deliver.

He loves when people
come to him broken, with no
hope but hope in him...with
nowhere to turn, but to him.

The more impossible the situation, the more
room that leaves for God to intervene.
God is glorified through the 'impossible'.

After David **turns to God for help,**
admits he has nowhere else to
turn and **banks everything on**
God's deliverance...
his response is incredible;

5 I lay down and slept,
yet I woke up in
safety, for the LORD
was watching over
me.

⁶ I am not afraid of
ten thousand
enemies who surround
me on every side.



When we finally turn to God in this way...
We will find rest. We will find peace.

You will be able to sleep...
though your **enemies still hunt** you,
your **creditors still call** you,
your **haters still mock** you,
your **employers still reign** you.

**Nothing has changed...
(you still have troubles)...**

except that you have turned to the
God of the universe to fight your
battle and you have taken refuge
in him.

⁷ Arise, O LORD! Rescue me, my God!
Slap all my enemies in the face!
Shatter the teeth of the wicked!



⁸ Victory comes from you, O LORD.
May you bless your people.



After you have turned to God and put your trust in him to rescue you...rise with confidence and live for him...trusting him with the result.



Trust in his salvation and
his determination to
work ALL THINGS together
for your good,
and remember that justice is not
up to you...and in the end he will
repay all things, good & evil.