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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

Ps. 3:3 *But You, LORD, are a shield around me; my glory, the One Who lifts my head high.* (NIV)

How valuable is a shield when you are in a conflict? It is a game-changer. When shields were first used in battle, they gave a distinct advantage. They could fend off an attack while allowing the soldier to be on the offensive. Here we see that the LORD is not a defensive being Who is ever hiding or running from battle, but instead, He is our protector in the midst of the battles of life. I am so glad that He is my protector, my shield. And, not only is He protecting me, He is also the One Who gives us victory.

I have found that in my life, the only times of defeat were times that I tried to do things on my own. How foolish; to have the power of Almighty God that I could call upon, but instead, trying to do something in my own power and strength. Talk about your easy decision!

David repeats this thought in **Ps. 18:1-3 *I love you, LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I called to the LORD, Who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.*** (NIV) Now, if the greatest King of Israel needed a shield of protection, how much more do we? The enemy is fierce and he hates you and your family and friends. He seeks to steal, kill and destroy. He will not give up until the day he is cast into the Abyss. We must walk in strength; the strength of our Shield, Jehovah Magen. He is our hope and our refuge. He is our stronghold. He will protect us from the attacks of the evil one, if we will but abide in Him.

Dear LORD, we are so grateful that we have Your protection in our lives. We need You more than ever. The enemy is attacking fiercely, but You are greater, stronger and mightier than any power in this universe. We put our trust in You. In Jesus Name, Amen