

MY SHIELD*

The Psalmists often call God a shield. He actively guards His people from all that threatens true harm.

SCRIPTURE†	MUSIC‡
Psalm 3 / Psalm 3:1–6 (3) Psalm 5 / Psalm 5:8–12 (*12) Psalm 18 / Psalm 18:1–3; 30 Psalm 28 / Psalm 28:6–9 (7) Psalm 33:18–22 (20) Psalm 35 / Psalm 35:1–10 (2) Psalm 84 / Psalm 84:8–12 (9, *11) Psalm 91 / Psalm 91:1–7 (4) Psalm 115:9–11 Psalm 119:114 Psalm 144:1–2	Almighty Father As the Deer Be Still and Know (Schram) SATB Be Strong in the Lord Children of the Heavenly Father Day by Day Hiding in Thee How Firm a Foundation Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Koerts) SATB Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer O Worship the King Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Praise to the Lord, the Almighty The Secret Place (Hamilton) SATB We Rest on Thee (French) TTBB



* Term corresponds to Hebrew word מגן (*magan*), which is used of God often in the Psalms. Theme fits in the **Psalms** series, in any order.

† Daily preparatory readings shown in **bold**.

‡ Published choral and vocal music shown in **bold**.

PRESENTING & PROMOTING THIS THEME

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Psalm 18:2 (cf. Ephesians 6:16?) | *The Psalmist often calls God a shield and a buckler.*

Explain the differences between them. God functions in both ways for us.

God is my Shield.

Several weeks ago, I spoke in Summer Bible Club on the fact that “God is a Shield.” This is something that even a child can grasp. Children, especially boys love to play fight, they can make anything, literally, into a sword or a shield. A shield is a part of armor that is used to defend attacks from the enemy. God is that for us.

Psalm 18: tells us...

Ps. 18:2 – The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

- MY BUCKLER – a small round shield. It was great against deflecting swords and protecting a swordsman. (The Bible is our sword)
- Throughout the Bible God says He will be a shield for us.

Read Ps. 3:3. [But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.]

- We daily need God’s protection. Physically and spiritually.
- The Roman army used a large shield that was used to block arrows and protect the entire body.
 - [The Roman shield, or scutum, was a central part of the soldier’s defense. The scutum was rectangular in shape and rounded on the ends. It was typically made from two sheets of wood that were glued together, then covered with canvas and leather. The canvas and leather could be doused with water to protect against flaming arrows.]
- God is a shield to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
- With God we have nothing to fear. Will bad things happen to us? Possibly, but if we have the Lord, we know that this is not our home. If we have salvation and nothing can take that away from a Christian. God protects. God is MY shield.

(Chandler Russell)

Promotional Post: The psalmists often call God their Shield. There are several similar Hebrew words for “shield,” and all of them are used of God. What does it mean for God to be our Shield?

Join us Sunday to better understand this wonderful aspect of God's care for us, and to worship Him for it! These Scriptures can help you and your household prepare to worship God with understanding: [Insert preparatory Scripture readings.]



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