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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

**Ps. 3:8 *From the LORD comes deliverance. May Your blessing be on Your people. (NIV)***

The Hebrew word for *deliverance* is **hayshuah** which is a transliteration of the Hebrew name for our Savior, Jesus. It literally means *salvation comes from the LORD*.

It is fitting that this Psalm gives praise to the One Who has brought us His salvation. We certainly needed deliverance from our sin-debt. Before the cross, the people of God looked to the yearly sacrifice on the Day of Atonement. It was on this day that the high priest would make the sacrifice of the lamb without blemish. The blood of the lamb was then taken into the Holy of Holies by the high priest and sprinkled on the Mercy Seat on top of the Ark of the Covenant. He then prayed for the LORD to forgive the sins of the people. The LORD allowed the blood to cover or atone for their sins. This was much like the picture of the blood put over the doors of each home on the night of Passover. The term of the covering was atonement. The blood of the spotless lamb atoned for the sins of those that lived within that home. In each instance, the message was clear; He was willing to forgive our sins if we would but come to Him in faith.

And then came the day when the LORD proved His love to us: **John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. (NIV)*** He delivered us. He saved us. He made a way for us. He became the sacrifice for our sin. Hallelujah!

**Dear LORD, we praise You LORD. You are our salvation. You are the way and the truth and the life. Help us to walk in You today. In Jesus Name, Amen**