

PSALM 54 – Answered Prayer for Deliverance from Adversaries!

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Psa 54:1 Save me, O God, by Your name, And vindicate me by Your strength.

CALL UPON THE LORD (5.22) Elevation Worship

We need no other hiding place Our hope is safe within **Your name** This we know, this we know You promise never to forsake What you began You will sustain This we know, this we know

I will call upon the Lord For He alone is strong enough to save

Rise your shackles are no more For Jesus Christ Has broken every chain

All of the heavens and the earth Announce the fullness of Your worth This we know, this we know

And every enemy will flee As we declare your victory This we know, this we know

I will call upon the Lord For he alone is strong enough to save

Rise your shackles are no more For Jesus Christ Has broken every chain [x2]

Jesus' name will break every stronghold Freedom is ours when we call **His name**

Jesus' name above every other All hail the **power of Jesus' name** [x2]

I will call upon the Lord For He alone is strong enough to save

Rise your shackles are no more For Jesus Christ Has broken every chain [x2]

- **PSALM 54 - Is one of the Psalms that David wrote while under pressure situations.** In each of these psalms David was facing serious problems and these psalms grew out of those problems.
- Its introduction tells us it was when Saul was pursuing David, when David had come down to the Wilderness of Ziff (located within David's own tribe of Judah). The men of that area reported to Saul that David is hiding down in our territory. So, they exposed David to the wrath of Saul. (**1Sa 23:19**) *Then the Ziphites came up to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding with us in strongholds in the woods, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon?" (1Sa 23:12-14) Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?" And the LORD said, "They will deliver you." [13] So David and his men, about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah and went wherever they could go. Then it was told Saul that David had escaped from Keilah; so he halted the expedition. [14] And David stayed in strongholds in the wilderness, and remained in the mountains in the Wilderness of Ziph. Saul sought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand.*
- We should remember that God is using situations like this to prepare David to be the King of Israel. The calling is one thing. The preparation, some fifteen years for David, required to meet God's calling is something else!

PSALM 54 - To the Chief Musician. With Stringed Instruments. A Contemplation of David When the Ziphites Went and Said to Saul, "Is David Not Hiding with Us?" The Lord Upholds My Life

Vs. 1-3 – The Psalmist Pleads with God!

Psa 54:1 Save me, O God, by Your name, And vindicate me by Your strength.

- When David said, "Save me, O God, by Your name. David is referring to all that the name of God implies. The name of the Lord is YAWEH, which is the becoming one. The Lord, becomes to me a Savior, becomes to me Strength, becomes to me a Deliverer, saves me by His name and judges me by His strength.

Psa 54:2 Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.

Psa 54:3 For strangers have risen up against me, And oppressors have sought after my life; They have not set God before them. Selah

- David is being pursued by Saul, the Ziphites, even being located in David's own tribe of Judah, have turned against him. Thus, he offers his prayer to the Lord. But then he goes on, he has prayed and asked God for help and then he speaks of words of assurance concerning God. It is always a good

place to be when I've turned my problem to God. When I've called upon God for His help and turned it over to him then I'm in good position because now I can have confidence that God is going to take care of it. David, having turned his difficulty over to God, now declares his confidence that God is going to take care of things.

Vs. 4-7 – The Psalmist, laying aside all doubt, chants a hymn of joyful triumph!

Psa 54:4 Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is with those who uphold my life.

- David is confident now! He has placed it in the hands of the Lord! The Lord is my hope for the Lord is going to deliver me. He is on my side. David is resting his case now his case in the Lord and thus it ultimately ends in praise. Prayer so often moves through the petitions to the confidence, to the declarations of our confidence in God's work and then ends in praise. David has not seen the victory yet, Saul is still pursuing him and those betraying Ziphites are still a problem, but he is going to come out of this because he has put it in God's hands. David knows that having placed it in God's hands, God is going to help me. He moves into the finale part of the psalm.

Psa 54:5 He will repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth.

- ***He will repay my enemies.*** We notice a most important thing David does here! He leaves vengeance with the LORD!
- ***(Rom 12:19) Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.***
- ***(Heb 10:30) For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."***

Psa 54:6 I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

- David says, I know you're going to bring me out. I'm going to end up Lord by offering to You the sacrifices of praise. I will praise Your name, "Save me by Your name!" ***I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good.***

Psa 54:7 For He has delivered me out of all trouble; And my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.

- ***For He has delivered me out of all trouble.*** David knows that God is going to take care of it! It is good as done. He has delivered me!
- ***And my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.*** David knows that God will work out this situation with those that have set themselves against him. He is going to praise the Lord. The Psalm ends in that voice of confidence and praise trusting now that God is going to take care of it!

O PRAISE THE NAME (Anástasis -Resurrection) (4:06) Hillsong

*I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet My Saviour on that cursed tree
His body bound and drenched in tears They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone Messiah still and all alone
(Refrain) O praise the name of the Lord our God O praise His name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
And then on the third at break of dawn The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King (Refrain)
He shall return in robes of white The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face
(Refrain)
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God, Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

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