

Psalm 54

Psalms 54:1-3 [New King James] *“Save me, O God, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your strength. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers have risen up against me, and oppressors have sought after my life; they have not set God before them.”*

The ever-present characteristic of the Psalm is found here: In the face of adversity, resort to prayer.

Deliverance is sought by “*the name*” that is on the grounds of the divine character of the Creator God who is the Protector of the oppressed.

Verse 3 not only describes David’s enemies, it also diagnoses them. They are the way they are because of their attitude towards the Creator God.

Psalms 54:4-5 [New King James] *“Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is with those who uphold my life. He will repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth.”*

Unlike his foes, David points to the Creator God as his source of help; in fact, he has no other.

The Creator God was always his Helper and Upholder, [Psalms 3:5].

We find that Isaiah has the same confidence in the Creator God, [Isaiah 4:10].

The Triune God is also the same Helper for all Christians through the active presence of the Holy Spirit in them, [John 14:15-18].

Therefore we can be certain that the Creator God will take action to counter any wrong that is done to true humble and obedient Christians, as He did for David, a man who was *“a man after My own heart, who will do all My will,”* [Acts 13:22].

David reminds us that eventually God repays the evil that is done to His people, [verse 5].

Proverbs 26:27 [New King James] *“Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him.”*

Warns that those who cause trouble will reap trouble.

To be honest and straightforward before the Creator God and other human beings is simpler, easier and safer in the long run.

Psalms 54:6-7 [New King James] *“I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good. For He has delivered me out of all trouble; and my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.”*

David was so sure of this help that he promised ahead of time to thank the Creator God, gladly and freely, knowing God’s character, that is “*His name*.”

There are many “*names*” ascribed to the Triune God in His Word, the Christian Bible, each one describes an aspect of His overall character.

[Please download and study the article on this website ‘*The Name Of God*’ listed under the subject heading ‘*God*’ that shows the importance of the various names used for God in His Word, the Christian Bible.]

The fact that David finished this Psalm with what he calls a “*freewill offering*” of praise shows that no vow was included in the prayer for help.

There was no question of saying “*if You, God, will do this, I will give that,*” the thanks and sacrifice was spontaneous, a visible expression of David’s love for the Creator God.