

## Psalm 54

# "David's Confident Prayer for Deliverance from His Foes"

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Maskil of David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Is not David hiding himself among us?"

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### **A1 PLEA FOR SALVATION 54:1-3**

#### **B1 The Content of the Plea 54:1-2**

C1 For Salvation 54:1

D1 Salvation: {1} Save me, O God, by Your name,

D2 Vindication: And vindicate me by Your power.

C2 For Hearing 54:2

D1 {2} Hear my prayer, O God;

D2 Give ear to the words of my mouth.

#### **B2 The Reason for the Plea 54:3**

C1 The Opposition of Strangers: {3} For strangers have risen against me

C2 The Murderous Intent of the Violent

D1 Their murderous intent: And violent men have sought my life;

D2 Their Godless perspective: They have not set God before them.  
Selah.

### **A2 THE EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE 54:4-7**

#### **B1 In Elohim as Helper / Sustainer 54:4**

C1 {4} Behold, God is my helper;

C2 The Lord is the sustainer of my soul.

#### **B2 In Elohim as Retributionist 54:5**

C1 Paying Back Evil to David's Foes: {5} He will recompense the evil to my  
foes;

C2 Faithfully Destroying David's Foes: Destroy them in Your faithfulness.

**B3 David's Vow of Praise 54:6-7**

C1 The Nature of His Praise 54:6

D1 Willing sacrifice: {6} Willingly I will sacrifice to You;

D2 Thanksgiving to Yahweh's good name: I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

C2 The Reason for His Praise 54:7

D1 Yahweh's deliverance of him from all trouble: {7} For He has delivered me from all trouble,

D2 David's viewing the demise of his enemies: And my eye has looked *with satisfaction* upon my enemies.

**EXPANDED ANALYSIS OF PSALM 54**

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