

Psalm 54 New American Standard Bible

Save me, God, by Your name,
And vindicate me by Your power.

² Hear my prayer, God;
Listen to the words of my mouth.

³ For strangers have risen against me
And violent men have sought my life;
They have not set God before them.

⁴ Behold, God is my helper;
The Lord is the sustainer of my soul.

⁵ He will pay back the evil to my enemies;
Destroy them in Your faithfulness.

⁶ Willingly I will sacrifice to You;
I will praise Your name, Lord, for it is good.

⁷ For He has saved me from all trouble,
And my eye has looked *with satisfaction* upon my enemies.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

- What questions were provoked within you?
Did anything confuse you?
Did anything move you emotionally?
Did God instruct you to do something?
Did you gain any insight into God's character?

Paul's observations and insights

1. David had been betrayed, 1 Samuel 23, 19-26, the men of Judah, a type of Judas whose name is Zinh, told King Saul where David was hiding, so Saul could go and arrest him and take his life.
2. David is not distracted by niceties he gets straight to the point of his need.
3. How often do we dance around the issues either because we are ashamed, or so disconnected we don't feel assured that God wants to intervene for us?

4. To be saved by God's name. What does that mean?
5. What does the name of God actually do when it is declared?
6. What does the name of God represent to His enemies?
7. How can the name of God assist you in bringing about your deliverance?
8. The name of the Lord is a strong tower.
9. To be vindicated is to be justified as being in the place of right.
10. The power of God's enemies are broken because they operate in unrighteousness by doing wrong.
11. We, when we have chosen wrong and come under the power of our enemy and God's, need to reposition ourselves into the place of right through the act of repentance and forgiveness.
12. That is when the enemies power over us is broken.
13. God's power is love and love operates within right and not wrong, within good, not bad.
14. Why do you think God would not hear someone's prayer when they call out to Him?
15. David's prayer was a cry for deliverance.
16. David wants his words to communicate his present predicament so that God would act on his behalf and protect him from danger.
17. Our words are for communicating how things are within who we are. Those who don't talk about their feelings usually get sick of soul.
18. Our enemies come to us from all sorts of places and in David's case they are strangers, but often they are those who are closest to us.
19. These strangers are men who take no thought of God or His ways, therefore do not reflect good or uphold God's ways.
20. When God is your help the problem is solved, it is just a matter of time before you receive your blessing.
21. What is it to have a soul sustained?
22. Recompense is to make them pay the debt incurred in their attempts of your destruction, so that they, your enemy, pays instead of you.
23. David has no restraint in asking for the destruction of his enemies. How about you?
24. David considers their destruction as an act of faithfulness, by God, to David.
25. The word willingly is to give wilful consent to act from within who we are, so there is no restraint.
26. David will call all that he is within him to give thanks to God without any restraint or reserve.
27. He does this as an act of faith before he receives his deliverance.
28. David positions himself by visualising his enemies destruction and living in the satisfaction that his enemy has lost and their plans to destroy him have failed. -