

Psalm 54:1-3 (HCS)

God, save me by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might! ² God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. ³ For strangers rise up against me, and violent men seek my life. They have no regard for God.

Psalm 54:4-5 (HCS)

God is my helper; the Lord is
the sustainer of my life. ⁵ He will repay
my adversaries for their evil. Because of
Your faithfulness, annihilate them.

Psalm 54:6-7 (HCS)

I will sacrifice a freewill offering to You. I will
praise Your name, LORD,
because it is good. ⁷ For He has delivered
me from every trouble, and my eye
has looked down on my enemies.

BETRAYAL and ATTACK

Psalm 54:1-7



Psalm 54

*For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A maskil of David. **When the Ziphites had gone to Saul and said, Is not David hiding among us?***



1 Samuel 23:14,19-20 (NLT)

David now **stayed in the strongholds of the wilderness and in the hill country of Ziph.**

Saul hunted him day after day, but God didn't let Saul find him.





...¹⁹ But now the men of Ziph went to Saul in Gibeah and **BETRAYED David to him.**

“We know where David is hiding,” they said.

“He is in the strongholds of Horesh on the hill of Hakilah, which is in the southern part

of Jeshimon. ²⁰ Come down whenever you’re ready, O king, and we will **catch**

him and hand him over to you!”

By Your NAME, by Your great and glorious nature. Employ all Your attributes **FOR me**.
Let every one of the perfections which are blended in **Your divine NAME work on MY behalf.**

Spurgeon

→ **Anguished call for Vindication**

¹ God, save me by Your name,
and **VINDICATE** me by Your might.

(HCS)

Vindicate- to be **FREE** from
Accusation or Blame

¹ Come with great power, O God,
and **RESCUE** me. **DEFEND** me
with **Your might.**

(NLT)

⁴ **God is my helper**; the Lord is
the sustainer of my life.

⁵ He **WILL repay** my adversaries
for their **EVIL**. Because of Your
faithfulness, **ANNIHILATE** them.

(HCS)

This **IMPRECATION** is
NOT vindictive
it an expression of **TRUST** in God's
Divine JUSTICE. Evil must be repaid.

Expositor

→ God is **MY HELP**

⁴ God is my **HELPER**; the Lord is
the **SUSTAINER** of my life.

(HCS)

Prayer for Deliverance

Description of Danger

GOD IS MY HELPER



Description of Solution

Thanksgiving for Deliverance

1 Samuel 23:15 (NLT)

One day near Horesh, David received the news that **Saul was on the way** to Ziph to **SEARCH** for him and **KILL him.**

1 Samuel 23:16-17 (NLT)

¹⁶ Jonathan went to find David and

ENCOURAGED

him to stay **strong** in his **faith** in God.

¹⁷ Don't be afraid, Jonathan reassured him.

My father will never find you...

→ **God's Justice and Vengeance
are Always PERFECT**

⁵ May those who wait to **AMBUSH** me
BE REPAID for their evil. As a
demonstration of your faithfulness,
DESTROY them.

(NET)

Imprecatory Psalms were **NOT written**
out of **vindictiveness** or a need for
personal **vengeance**. They are prayers
that keep **God's justice, sovereignty,**
and **protection** in mind.

The Truth is that Imprecatory Psalms communicate a **DEEP yearning for justice**, written **from the point of view** of those who had been severely oppressed and deeply hurt.

Romans 12:19, 21 (NIV)

Do **NOT** take **REVENGE**, my friends,
but leave room **for God's WRATH**,
for it is written: It is **MINE** to **Avenge**;
I WILL Repay, says the Lord...

21 Do **NOT** be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil **WITH good**.

→ **Betrayal ALWAYS Hurts**

³ For foreigners **attack me**;
ruthless men,
who **do not respect God**, seek **my life**.

(NET)

**4 But God is MY
HELPER.**

The Lord keeps me **ALIVE.**

(NLT)

1 Samuel 23:26-28 (NLT)

Saul and David were now on opposite sides of a mountain. Just as Saul and his men **began to close in** on David and his men,

1 Samuel 23:26-28 (NLT)

²⁷ an urgent message reached Saul that the Philistines were raiding Israel again.

²⁸ **So Saul quit chasing David** and returned to fight the Philistines...

Through the crucible of **LAMENT**,
God transforms our pain into
INTIMACY with Him,
NOT by **Erasing** it,
or **Explaining** it away,
but by **FULLY** acknowledging its horror.

Vroegop