

Sermon Outline

The Fugitive's Prayer

Psalm 54

- I. **Context:** 1 Samuel 20-23, 26 – David in the city of Keilah
A Short Psalm
- II. **Verses 1-3: The Psalmist calls on God to hear his lamentation**
 - (1) The name of God – YHWH.
 - (2) Hear my prayer – what hinders your prayers?
 - (3) What is he asking for? Deliverance from ruthless men.
Remember, they hated Christ first.
- III. **Verse 4: The central tenet**

Our Helper and sustainer – remember who is on your side.
- IV. **Verse 5: A request for justice**

Pray for your enemies and pray for justice.
God is faithful to protect His people.
- V. **Verses 6-7: A sacrifice of praise**

Yahweh's name is finally mentioned.
This is a battle Yahweh has already won!
- VI. **Application**

Look to Christ on the cross, trust Him, by faith.
God is your Helper (*ezer*) Ps 46:1, Is 41:10,13, Ps 10:14,
Jn 14:26, Ps 121:2, Ps 60:11, 146:5, 72:12, 115:11, 37:40,
2 Chr 4:11