

Psalm 54
(1 Samuel 23 – 26)

Introduction.

- A. Philistines were raiding in SE Judah.
- B. David inquired of the LORD.
 - 1. Abiathar had fled to David in previous chapter, bringing the ephod.
 - 2. The LORD told David to deliver Keilah from the Philistines.
- C. Betrayed by the people of Keilah to Saul – “God has delivered David to me.”
- D. In the desert near Ziph.
 - 1. Betrayed by the Ziphites.
 - 2. Trapped in the mountains.
 - 3. Messenger came to Saul with news of a Philistine attack.
 - 4. David saved.
- E. Each verse synonymous parallelism.

I. Cry for help (1-3).

- A. Elohim.
- B. Save and vindicate by God’s powerful name.
- C. Hear and listen.
- D. “Strangers and ruthless men” usually refers to godless Gentiles.

II. Assurance of salvation (4-7).

- A. Names of God.
 - 1. Elohim = power and strength.
 - 2. Adonai = the Lord of all, master.
 - 3. Yahweh = personal God who loves and cares for his people.
- B. David knows he will be saved.
- C. Call on God to let evil rebound on to the evil ones.
- D. Sacrifices of praise.
- E. Deliverance and triumph.