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?"


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 \textit{with satisfaction} upon my enemies.