

PSALM 54

WHEN LIFE GETS DANGEROUS

Introduction:

Living in the modern world can be dangerous to your health. Sections of most cities in America are controlled by violent gangs and drug-lords. Yet some of God's choice people live in those cities. God has little enclaves of people who seek to serve him in such dangerous situations.

Many of our missionaries face such dangers—especially in the Islamic countries of the world. Demonized zealots seek their destruction relentlessly.

David found himself in such a situation. The enmity of Saul against him had prompted others to betray him and to join Saul in seeking his destruction.

Yet David was no rebel against the throne. Rather he was simply a young man from Judah whom God had chosen to lead his people. He had not volunteered for such a role, but rather had been chosen by God through Samuel.

What do you do when you face dangerous, violent people on every side?

David wrote a prayer-song. The contents of this short prayer song instruct us about a preferred way for the godly to respond to dangerous situations.

I. PETITION GOD FOR PROTECTION! (V. 1-3)

1. Ask God to continue His saving work.
2. Ask God to demonstrate His character.

II. AFFIRM YOUR FAITH! (V. 4-5)

1. God is my Helper.
2. God is active for my good.

III. RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT TO GOD! (V. 6-7)

1. Renew your commitment to worship.
2. Renew your commitment to trust.