

## **STANDING ON THE PROMISES**

### **PSALM 56**

Introduction:

Life in this world can be dangerous even for the righteous. David encountered one threatening circumstance after another. At this point in his life, his situation was really desperate. He had fled from Israel in search of a place of safety in Gath. When the Philistines became aware of whom he was and remembered his exploits against them, they created an even greater threat. He had to feign insanity to escape the trap into which he had placed himself.

It was during this time that he expressed his inner thoughts in this psalm. When he did not know where to turn, he always turned to the Lord in search of mercy. The description of his enemy in this text is graphic. How would you describe your situation? What or who is it that you fear the most?

When all else failed, David took his stand on the promises of God. The Lord provided him firm footing on the slippery and dangerous path of life. Twice in the psalm he declares that he will praise the word of the Lord. This is a way of expressing his commitment to stand on the promises of God when all has gone wrong. This is a wise place to stand always.

- I. STANDING ON THE PROMISES DEFINES FAITH. (V. 3-4, 10-11)
- II. STANDING ON THE PROMISES OVERCOMES FEAR. (V. 3-4)
- III. STANDING ON THE PROMISES BRINGS VICTORY. (V. 12-13)