APPLYING THE PSALMS TO *EVERY* DAY LIVING—17

"Faith in the Face of Fear

Psalm 54:1-7

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In verses 1-3, we find a *prayer* and in verses 4-7, we find the *answer*. David realize that the ***name*** of God revealed the ***nature*** of God, therefore, he finds:

1. ***Salvation*** **in His name (54:1a).** ***"Save me, O God, but thy name . . ."***
2. ***Strength*** **by His name (54:4).** ***"Behold, God is mine helper, the LORD is with them that uphold my soul."***
3. ***Sacrifice*** **by His name (54:6).** ***"I will freely sacrifice unto thee" I will praise thy name, O LORD, for it is good."***

In the first three verses of the Psalm, we see a ***troubled*** life and in the last four verses, we see a ***triumphant*** life.

With those thoughts in mind, let's take a close look at the Psalm:

I. FIRST, NOTICE A PRAYER FOR *DELIVERANCE* (54:1-3). This is an *appeal* of faith.

A. First, notice the *cause* of all the trouble (54:3).

1. First, notice how it was *unnatural* (54:3a).

2. Secondly, notice how it was *unmerciful* (54:3b).

3. Thirdly, notice how it was also *ungodly* (54:3c).

B. Secondly, notice the *comfort* in the midst of trouble (54:1-2).

1. First, he found comfort *physically* (54:1a).

2. Secondly, he found comfort *spiritually* (54:1b).

C. Thirdly, consider God's *care* in the midst of trouble (54:2).

APPLICATION: Two great truths emerge from these passages:

1. **First, the good are not exempt *from* trouble.**

2. **Secondly, even though the good cannot expect to be exempt from trouble, he can expect support and comfort *in* trouble.**

II. SECONDLY, NOTE HERE A _____ OF DEPENDENCE (Psalm 54:4). This is the _____ of faith!

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE _____FOR DESTRUCTION (Psalm 54:5). This is the _____ of Faith.

IV. FOURTHLY, OBSERVE THE _____ FOR DELIVERANCE (Psalm 54:6-7). This is the _____ of Faith!

A. First, his singing includes a song of _____ (54:6).

B. Secondly, his singing involved a song of _____ (54:7).