## I. A HELPLESS PLEA

- 1 Samuel 23:19 Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding with us in strongholds in the woods, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon?"
- Psalm 54:2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- Proverbs 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked but hears the prayer of the righteous.
- <u>John 15:7</u> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.
- 1 John 5:14 Now this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
  - MUST BE SAVED God heareth not sinners John 9:31
  - MUST BE LIVING RIGHT God hears the righteous... Proverbs 15:29
  - o MUST ASK IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WILL 1John 5:14
  - MUST NOT HAVE WILFUL SIN IN LIVES Isaiah 59:1-2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God;...so that He will not hear.
  - MUST HAVE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH WIFE 1Peter 3:7 that prayers not hindered
- Psalm 54:1 Save me, O God, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your strength.
- Proverbs 18:19 The Name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run into it and are saved.

## II. A HOPEFUL PRAISE

- Psalm 54:4 Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is with those who uphold my life; He will repay my enemies...
  - "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay" Deuteronomy 32:35; Romans 12:19; Hebrews 10:30;1
     Chronicles 16:22 "Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm."
- Psalm 54:6 I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- freely: a spontaneous and abundant gift; a voluntary sacrifice; a free will offering
- sacrifice: to slaughter an animal; to offer to God; to make a sacrifice
- <u>2Corinthians 9:7</u> So let each give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
- Samuel 24:24 Then the king (David) said to Araunah, "No, I will surely buy it from you for a price; I will
  not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing
  floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.