

Salvation in the Wrong Hands
Psalm 54
November 29, 2020

I. Salvation by God's Name (V. 1-3)

A. When we depend on our own _____ for salvation, we are in the wrong hands.

B. When we depend on our own _____ for salvation, we are in the wrong hands.

C. Why David needed salvation:

1. The Ziphites (1 Samuel 23:19-24, 26:1)
2. Saul (1 Samuel 24:1-7, 26:6-12)
3. Nabal (1 Samuel 25:23-35)

II. Vengeance by God's Hand (V. 4-5)

A. When we depend on _____ for salvation, we are in the wrong hands (1 Chronicles 12:16-18).

B. When we depend on _____ for salvation, we are in the wrong hands.

III. Thanksgiving for God's Salvation (V. 6-7)

A. Salvation in the right hands leads to _____ and praise.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Psalm 54
2. In verse 1, on what grounds does David ask God to save him? Is it important to know the basis of God's salvation? Is it possible to believe God saves, but not understand why?
3. Discuss the oppressors in David's life he references in verse 3 (The Ziphites in 1 Samuel 23:19-24, 26:1, Saul in 1 Samuel 24:1-7, 26:6-12, and Nabal in 1 Samuel 25:9-13). How does a person's rejection of God for themselves impact their treatment of other people? Why?
4. How should God being our helper and upholder affect our response towards personal injustice and offenses? How are we tempted to be our own helper in these situations?
5. The end result of David's prayer for salvation was thanksgiving (verse 6-7). What are some new things God has done just this year for you that you are thankful for?
6. Pray for each other, that you would all, day by day, put salvation in God's hands. Review the Prayer Guide about prayer needs throughout the congregation.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: 1 Kings 1-2

November Memory Verses: Psalm 119:11 and 2 Timothy 2:15

Psalm 46:10

*“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”*

Our Vision: To create a culture of discipleship that leads to worship and compels us to be on mission.

PRAY for us as a church family to grow in our devotion and our discipleship.
PRAY that we would be faithful in all our individual areas of ministry.
PRAY that God will draw many to Himself in this difficult time.
PRAY for YOUR ONE to be saved.
PRAY for Grief Share small group starting November 29
PRAY for the ASU West college ministry.
PRAY for the Wednesday evening AWANA ministry and the need for Awana nursery helpers.
PRAY for the people of Puluk in Indonesia to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.
PRAY for Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. to be able to return to their field of service soon.
PRAY for our follow up with the kids and parents who made decisions at the Family Revival Night

Our Mission: To Care as Jesus CARES:

PRAY for God’s protection from the COVID virus.
PRAY that we will love and encourage each other by reaching out to our membership.
PRAY that God will continue to use the FOOD BOX MINISTRY to bring people to Himself and that we will keep the food pantry stocked.
PRAY for the hospital workers, first responders and police officers to be drawn to God and to be filled with His strength, love, and ability.
PRAY for all our schools/teachers/administrators/workers and parents in this school year with difficulties never before encountered.
PRAY for us all to be a source of light in the darkness of racial prejudice.
PRAY for our country and for us to be godly citizens.
PRAY that we will each be faithful to give financially to Apollo Baptist Church so that we can have the funds to continue ministering.
PRAY for the effectiveness of Operation Christmas Child.
PRAY for the upcoming Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Our Church Family:

PRAY for Pastor Gary and our other pastors (Pastor Jim, Pastor Reginald, Pastor Brian) as they seek God’s way to lead our church.
PRAY for our intern, Juliana S., and her ministry to children and college students
PRAY for our deacons to be able to keep up with their families and contacts effectively.
PRAY for additional preschool volunteers to care for children once a month during the morning worship service.

Pray For Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear and anxiety because of the pandemic
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - Rebecca R. (brother), Ray and Sue J. (daughter-in-law, Lynette), Dan and Shirley S. (Dan’s father), Nancy C. (father, Pete), April H. (husband, Gary), Ken R. (sister, Joan), Darlene R. (aunt, Peggy), Randie A. and Bonnie V. (mother), Tim P., Alexa P., Erika P. (grandfather)
 - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother), Ketty B’s grandmother (breast cancer)
- Those struggling with chronic health issues:
 - Michelle L. (migraines, although improving), Rezwana D. (migraines), Mary R. (possibly starting dialysis), Ruthie C. (severe weight loss), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism and migraines), Laura M. (neck vertebrae with ruptured disc causing extreme pain), Larry D. (brain bleed not completely healed), Don R. (sciatica pain), Twyla H. (high blood pressure), Wayne and Twyla D. (Parkinsons), Floyd W. (Pat’s dementia), Elaine D. (medication issues)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant), James M. (cleaning out the veins in his legs), Dale O. (knee replacement)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Laura M. (vertebrae surgery), Kevin M. (vertebrae surgery), Butch L. (slowly healing from skin cancer surgery and infection), Jonathan B. (hand surgery), Mary R. (dialysis related surgery), Judy H. (hip surgery), Bob B. (cataract surgery)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Billy H.
- Others that you are aware of