

Psalms 54:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Analysis

The plea: 'Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.' The parallelism emphasizes urgency: 'hear,' 'give ear.' David asks God to attend carefully to his words. In crisis, we need assurance that God is listening, not distant or disinterested.

Historical Context

Written when the Ziphites betrayed David's location to Saul (1 Samuel 23:19-20), this psalm arises from specific, documented danger. David's prayer was not theoretical but desperately practical.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. Why do we need assurance that God 'hears' in times of crisis?
2. What is the relationship between believing God hears and praying with confidence?

Interlinear Text

אֵלֹהִים	שְׁמַע	תְּפִלָּתִי	הָאִזְנֶה	לְאִמְרֵי	פִּי:
O God	Hear	my prayer	give ear	to the words	of my mouth
H430	H8085	H8605	H238	H561	H6310

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 130:2 (Parallel theme): Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Psalms 143:7 (Parallel theme): Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.