

# Psalms 54:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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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

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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

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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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

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פָּנִים לְאַמְרִי בְּאַז יְנָה תְּפִלָּתִי שְׁמָע אָלְהִים  
O God Hear my prayer give ear to the words of my mouth  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

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