

**“I Feel the Hot Breathe of the Enemy of my Neck”**

**Psalm 54: 1-7; 1 Samuel 23:19-29**

“Save me, O God, by your name ... Strangers are attacking me, ruthless men seek my life, men without regard for God ... Surely God is my help ... I will praise Your name O Lord, for it is good ... my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.”

**Psalm 54: 1-7**

Saul’s goal – to find David and kill him.

Charles Spurgeon wrote, “Monotony is often the death of congregational praise.”

When you face an enemy - START with God:

*State the problem to God – v. 1*

*Talk about His greatness – v. 4*

*Appeal to the Lord – v. 5*

*Rejoice in the Lord – v. 6*

*Triumph in deliverance – v. 7*

To Saul - “Come quickly! The Philistines are raiding the land.” They call this place Sela Hammahlekoth. Rock of escape!

David believed that God would deliver him – before Saul ever was a visible threat.

Khosrow – escaping the horrors of extremist Islam in Iran

Heb. 11:1 “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.”

When the enemy appears – START with God.