

Psalm 56:3-4 *What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.*

## 1. Introduction

### a. Psalm for today

- i. This psalm comforts us

*Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

- ii. It gives us strength in our fear

*1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

- iii. Pray for each other

*James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

### b. David's life up to this point in his life

- i. David anointed by prophet Samuel to be next king of Israel after King Saul
- ii. Jesse sent David to bring supplies for his brothers in King Saul's army
  - i. While there David heard Philistine challenge from their champion
  - ii. David killed Goliath, Philistine champion
- iii. David became member of King Saul's household
- iv. King Saul became paranoid & tried to kill David
- v. David ran for his life from King Saul
- vi. King Saul searched to find David several times

### c. Why did David write this psalm?

- i. Philistine city of Gath had been home town of Goliath
- ii. Story found in 1 Samuel 21:10-15
- iii. David ran in fear of his life from King Saul to city of Gath
- iv. City of Gath recognized David as Israel's warrior
- v. David pretended to be insane to save his life

## 2. Object of David's faith

### a. David trusted in God

- i. God heard David's cry for help.

*Psalm 34:17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.*

- ii. God hears the prayers of Christians

*James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

### b. David trusted in God's Word

- i. Source of God's truth – Scripture

*2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

*Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

- ii. Desire to grow in God's Word

*1 Peter 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

## 3. Outlook of David's Faith

### a. Faith in God alone

- i. Living faith

*Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

- ii. Faith is not believing that God can, but that God will!

*1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

- iii. Praise to God for His blessings

*Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*

### b. Praise God for His Word

- i. Search for God with all your heart

*Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*

ii. Doers of the Word

*James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

4. Outcome of David's Faith

a. David knows that God is on his side – no fear

*Psalm 118:6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?*

b. David is not afraid of anything that a human can do to him

*Hebrews 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

5. Conclusion

a. Christian goal – thanksgiving

b. Christian response – praise to God