

## PRAYING PSALM 56

“My enemies would hound me all day, for there are many who fight against me O Most High” (Psalm 56:2).

The occasion of this psalm was when David fled from Saul and went to Achish, king of Gath. The psalm has three major thoughts. 1. DAVID’S CRY TO GOD CONCERNING HIS ENEMIES (1-4). They oppressed him. They hounded him There were many. David was afraid, yet trusted in the Lord. He praised God’s Word and trusted it. He ends with a question: What can man do to me? 2. DAVID’S CONFLICT BETWEEN FEAR AND FAITH (5-11). David’s fears: the twisted words of his enemy, the evil thoughts they had against him, they marked his steps, and they lied in wait for him. David’s faith: God numbered his wanderings. God kept David’s tears in a book. God was for David and would turn his enemies back. Since God was for him, David would not let fear stop him. He vowed to praise God’s Word. 3. DAVID’S CONFIDENCE IN GOD (12-13). David saw what God would do for him as already done.

If you are walking in the way of the Lord, you will have enemies. “Beware when all men speak well of you” (Luke 6:26). Enemies of the Gospel will accuse you, oppress you, and hound you. Their goal is to stop the work of God in you by scaring you. The answer to fear is faith. When you find yourself vacillating between fear and faith, talk to God in prayer. Remember what you know. “If God is for us, who can be against us?” Once you remember God’s promise, thank Him for what He promised to do, as if He had already done it. Then, “walk before God in the light of the living” (13).