

# 812 O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry

(Psalm 54)



- 1 O save me, God, and hear my cry: my prayer to you as - cends.
- 2 You, Lord, my help shall ev - er be, though e - vil powers as - sail.
- 3 My sac - ri - fice I of - fer you as thanks for all your grace.



And vin - di - cate me by your might; on you my hope de - pends.  
 From their de - signs, my life re - deem through grace which can - not fail.  
 Let me so live that I in death may greet you face to face.

The three stanzas of this paraphrase nicely condense all seven verses of Psalm 54 and trace its movement from an appeal for help, through a statement of hope amid adversity, to a vow of thanksgiving. The words are set to an early American shape note tune that gives them urgency.