

Reflection on Psalm 54

Almighty God,

Holy God,

Father God,

Your enemy is
my enemy.

I know that I will encounter the evil one –
he tempted holy Jesus, and
he will tempt me.

But I don't know
where, or
when, or
how I will meet him.

His tools are
doubt,
discouragement,
distraction, and
illicit desire.

Sometimes he comes with a whisper and
sometimes with a shout,
sometimes aggressively and
sometimes subtly,
hoping to slip in unrecognized.

But in the wilderness,
Jesus showed me the way to victory over him.

Satan repeatedly tried to turn His eyes
away from His Father and
toward His own needs and desires.

Jesus continued to
look to You,
point to You, and
trust in You,

His
dearly-loved,
glorious,
all-sufficient Father.

As He did, Satan could not
lure Him or
frighten Him.

Father, when faced with the enemy,

no matter how he comes,
help me to keep
looking to You and
trusting You.

Hymn: Psalm 54

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