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**Psa 50:15 NKJV** *Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee...*

Wouldn't it be easy if this were all it took? ... If the sentence actually ended here and there were no other requirements? ...Simply coast along until trouble hits, then cry out for Gods rescue—and deliverance would be automatic. Countless defeated or damaged lives have proven there must be more to this equation. If not examined in its context, this often quoted passage, this wonderful promise, becomes just a powerless religious catchphrase.

“Calling on God in the day of trouble” is nothing unusual. It’s the normal response for just about anybody in crisis. If this by itself were the only requirement, virtually every need should see deliverance and overcoming victory.

The context shows an essential addition to this equation.

**Psa 50:15 MSG** *And call for help when you're in trouble-- I'll help you, and you'll honor me.* **16** "...What are you up to, quoting my laws, talking like we are good friends? **17** You never answer the door when I call; you treat my words like garbage. **22** "Time's up for playing fast and loose with me. I'm

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ready to pass sentence, and there's no help in sight! **23 It's the praising life that honors me.** As soon as you set your foot on the Way, I'll show you my salvation."

It is indeed the high-praise, the relationship, which qualifies the appeal for help. It is our glorifying praise that activates this promise. In the midst of our tragedy and pain-filled world, you know there are multitudes of desperate voices lifted God-ward. Yet, the anguish only increases because so many of those desperate voices are only in search of momentary relief and void of any genuine desire for relationship. Apart from that vital connection, God is under no obligation to respond.

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