

Psalm 61

David must have been far from home when he wrote this Psalm.

Psalms 61:1-3 [New King James] *“Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; **lead me to the rock that is higher than I.** For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy.”*

As with any other leader when in the loneliness of his office David felt himself at the end of his tether, urgently needing a new sense of security.

David is craving for a realisation of security unattainable by his own efforts, **“to a rock that is higher than I”** that is beyond his ability to reach nothing other than God Himself.

Psalms 61:4 [New King James] *“I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah”*

David is pleading for the hospitality extended to a guest or a refugee, and the motherly love of a bird, fluffing out her wings to house her young.

Psalms 61:5 [New King James] *“For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.”*

David is recalling his coronation day on which he made vows to God and on which God gave him charge over the heritage of God, [1 Samuel 10:1; 2 Samuel 21:3; 1 Kings 8:51].

Psalms 61:6-7 [New King James] *“You will prolong the king’s life, his years as many generations. He shall abide before God forever. Oh, prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him!”*

Being devoid of personal strength David tells God that he can only continue if God prolongs his kingship but also lives in God’s favour.

Psalms 61:8 [New King James] *“So I will sing praise to Your name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.”*

Those who truly pray know that the companion of intercession is dedication, past vows [verse 5] are **not** enough.

David continually praised the Creator God through both good and difficult times in his life.

Do we find things to praise God for each day?

As we do this we will find ourselves elevated in our mind away from daily distractions to a lasting confidence in the future, planned by the Creator God we are praising.

Colossians 3:1-4 [New King James] *“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”*

This is the “rock that is higher than I.”