



Psalm 61

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THE ROCK THAT IS HIGHER THAN I

Introduction:

Superscription: "For the choir director, on a stringed instrument [*neginah*], a psalm [*shir*] of David."

I. DAVID'S PRAYER FOR SECURITY (61:1-4)

A. I need You as my rock. (vs. 1-2)

"Hear my cry, O God; give heed to my prayer."

"From the end of the earth [*aretz*] I call to You when my heart is faint;"

"Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

B. I need You as my refuge. (vs. 3-4)

"For You have been a refuge for me,"

"tower of strength against the enemy."

"Let me dwell in Your tent forever;"

"let me take refuge in the shelter of Your wings."

"Selah"

II. DAVID'S PRAISE FOR SUCCOR (61:5-8)

A. I have a great heritage. (vs. 5)

"For You have heard my vows, O God;"

"You have given me the inheritance of those who fear Your name."

B. I have a great future. (vs. 6-7)

“You will prolong the king’s life;”

“His years will be as many generations.”

“He will abide before God forever;”

“Appoint lovingkindness and truth that they may preserve him.”

C. I am committed to You forever. (vs. 8)

“So I will sing praise to Your name forever,”

“That I may pay my vows day by day.”

Conclusion:

- 1) God answers prayer.
- 2) God gives strength to those who are faint.
- 3) God is a hiding place.
- 4) God accepts our vows.
- 5) A God-fearing inheritance is a gift from God.

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Isaac Watts

When, overwhelm'd with grief,
My heart within me dies,
Helpless, and far from all relief,
To heav'n I lift mine eyes.

O lead me to the rock
That's high above my head,
And make the covert of thy wings
My shelter and my shade.

Within thy presence, Lord,
For ever I'll abide;
Thou art the tower of my defense,
The refuge where I hide.

Thou givest me the lot
Of those that fear thy name;
If endless life be their reward,
I shall possess the same.