

## Psalm 61: The Might God Who Hears

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Sermon Text Psalm 61 (CSB)

**For the choir director: on stringed instruments. Of David.**

**<sup>1</sup> God, hear my cry;**

**pay attention to my prayer.**

**<sup>2</sup> I call to you from the ends of the earth  
when my heart is without strength.**

**Lead me to a rock that is high above me,**

**<sup>3</sup> for you have been a refuge for me,  
a strong tower in the face of the enemy.**

**<sup>4</sup> I will dwell in your tent forever  
and take refuge under the shelter of your wings.**

*Selah*

**<sup>5</sup> God, you have heard my vows;**

**you have given a heritage  
to those who fear your name.**

**<sup>6</sup> Add days to the king's life;  
may his years span many generations.**

**<sup>7</sup> May he sit enthroned before God forever.**

**Appoint faithful love and truth to guard him.**

**<sup>8</sup> Then I will continually sing of your name,  
fulfilling my vows day by day.**

1. Read the text of Psalm 61 as a group. Consider first reading silently alone. out loud as group with a designated reader. Consider praying through this passage of God's Word (i.e. Pray the Bible thanking and praising God in your hearts that He has spoken to us so clearly, truthfully and sufficiently)
2. What does the superscription (i.e. *For the choir director: on stringed instruments. Of David*) teach us about the context of Psalm 61?
3. Look at Psalm 61:2-4. How many descriptions does David list referring to God's rescue and strength? How do these direct us to and also anticipate God's power to save in Christ (see Deut. 32:4; Psalm 18:2; Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 10:4; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:6-7)?
4. Read some other Psalms that detail the desperate dependence of David on the Lord (see the first verses of Psalm 4, Psalm 5, Psalm 6 for a few easy to locate examples). What does this help us understand about David's prayer life and all God's people's prayer lives?
5. How would you respond to someone who says, "*In my view God doesn't really care about how we approach Him but He expects us to have strong faith. We need to be our authenticity and nothing beyond that really matters to Him?*" How would you respond from Ps. 61 (and Ephesians 6:18)?
6. David makes vows in Psalm 61 (see also Numbers 30:2; Lev. 27; Deuteronomy 32:21-23; 1 Samuel 1:11, Genesis 28:20-22 and Acts 18:18). What would you say to a person who says "*God's Word is against vows! So David here in Psalm 61 contradicts Jesus said so in Matthew 5:34-37!*" How would you respond?

7. How would you respond to someone who says, *"In my view God really wants us to approach him through a special religious pries and only when we feel like it or have great guilt or are in a special place of peace."* How would you respond from Ps. 61:2?
8. Read Psalm 45:5-7 and Psalm 102:12 and Hebrews 1:8-11. What do these verses tell us about Jesus Christ? How did David have both himself and another king in view (see also 2 Samuel 7:11-14)?

Spend some time praising God for the Lord Jesus Christ the promised King who came, lived, died on the cross for forgiveness of our sins. Jesus Christ rose again and ascended to heaven where he sits on the throne and from where He will return and come again to judge the living and the dead. He lives to intercede for His own and saves to the uttermost as Hebrews puts it. Pray for more Spirit-wrought faithfulness and boldness to proclaim the good news of God's grace and mercy in Jesus Christ and for more faithful gospel preaching churches unashamed of the gospel of Christ to rise up. Pray the Lord of the Harvest would raise up many workers (Matthew 9:38) to take the Gospel to the nations and call sinners to repent of their sin and look to Jesus Christ for salvation, eternal life and lasting hope. Soli Deo Gloria!