

To the Chief Musician. On a stringed instrument. A Psalm of David.

¹ Hear my cry, O God;
Attend to my prayer.

² 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.

³ For You have been a shelter for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.

⁴ I will abide in Your tabernacle forever;
I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. *Selah*

⁵ For You, O God, have heard my vows;
You have given *me* the heritage of those who fear Your name.

⁶ You will prolong the king's life,
His years as many generations.

⁷ He shall abide before God forever.
Oh, prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him!

⁸ So I will sing praise to Your name forever,
That I may daily perform my vows.

Psalm 61:1-8

A. PRAYER

1. Praying in times of great distress

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| a) "Hear my cry, O God;
Attend to my prayer" | Psalm 61:1 |
| b) "The end of the earth" | Psalm 61:2a |
| c) "When my heart is overwhelmed" | Psalm 61:2b |

d) "The enemy"

Psalm 61:3b

2. God's leading

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

Psalm 61:2c

3. God's protection

a) "A shelter"

"For You have been a shelter for me"

Psalm 61:3a

b) A strong tower

"A strong tower from the enemy"

Psalm 61:3b

B. APPROPRIATE RESPONSES

1. Abiding

I will abide in Your tabernacle forever

Psalm 61:4a

2. Trust

I will trust in the shelter of Your wings

Psalm 61:4b

3. Assurance: Heritage of those who fear God

For You, O God, have heard my vows;
You have given *me* the heritage
of those who fear Your name.

Psalm 61:5

4. Assurance: Preservation

You will prolong the king's life,
His years as many generations.

Psalm 61:6

C. CONCLUDING PRAYER

1. Abiding in God's presence

He shall abide before God forever

Psalm 61:7a

2. Preparing for Preservation

a) Prepare Mercy

Psalm 61:7b

b) Prepare Truth

Psalm 61:7c

D. PRAISE

1. To sing praise to the Lord

So I will sing praise to Your name forever

Psalm 61:8a

2. Performing vows to God

That I may daily perform my vows.

Psalm 61:8b