

PSALM 61

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. Of David.

¹ Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;
² from the end of the earth I call to you
when my heart is faint.

Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I,
³ for you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.

⁴ Let me dwell in your tent forever!
Let me take refuge under 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 Prolong the life of the king;
may his years endure to all generations!
⁷ May he be enthroned forever before God;
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!

⁸ So will I ever sing praises to your name,
as I perform my vows day after day.

A Psalm for When You Are Worn Out

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The superscription gives instructions to community worship leaders

1. God is **desperately** needed
FOCUS a plea for God to pay attention
The psalmist feels far from God
Exhausted, he calls to God (see also Psalm 102)
Every emotion can be brought to God
2. God comes close
ROCK a natural summit, a rugged mountain **height**
TOWER purpose-built for security and **safety**
TENT a hospitable, **permanent** welcome for guests
WINGS close, personal and **affectionate** protection
(see also Psalm 57:1)
3. God hears
Confidence dawns on the desperate worshipper **“Aha!”**
He has a heritage / inheritance with all God-fearing people
“unlimited and **inalienable**” (Kidner)
(see also Psalm 37:11, 29 and Matthew 5:5)
4. God reigns
God’s king will **righteously** reign (is this David?)
God’s king endures to all generations
God’s king is enthroned **forever** (see Isaiah 9:6)
The Messiah is King Jesus “sad hearts weep no more”
(see also Daniel 7:27 and Revelation 22:5)

As long as God’s steadfast love and faithfulness last toward Christ
For that long, I will **sing** praises to His name every day.