

Psalm 61

Instructions: read the section summary before reading that section's verses.

Prayer

*Hear, pay attention ("attend"),
and lead; David acknowledged
his personal insufficiency.*

- ¹ Hear my cry, O God;
attend unto my prayer.
² From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee,
when my heart is overwhelmed:
lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.
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Testimony & Commitment

*David recalls past answers to
prayer and commits to trust
God.*

- ³ For thou hast been a shelter for me,
and a strong tower from the enemy.
⁴ I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever:
I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.
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Faith & Request

*David again recalls past answer
to prayer and gives an implicit
request for God to keep the
Davidic covenant.*

- ⁵ For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:
thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.
⁶ Thou wilt prolong the king's life:
and his years as many generations.
⁷ He shall abide before God for ever:
O prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him.
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Response

*David commits to praise God
before God even answers.*

- ⁸ So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,
that I may daily perform my vows.