

THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalms 61

Wednesday Night Series | Pastor Ely Reynolds | October 14, 2020

PSALM 61 = LEAD ME TO THE _____

- This is a Psalm of David written to be played on stringed instruments (*Neginah*).
- It is speculated that this Psalm was written during the time of Absalom's rebellion as David's army was defeating Absalom's army.

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I. "Hear me!" (vs. 1-4)

1. _____ (v. 1)
 - i. Cry = "Pleading; request"
 - ii. David's normal response was to cry out to God.
 - iii. We don't just want God to hear our prayer; we want Him to _____ on it!
2. _____ (v. 2)
 - i. David is telling us the emotions that he was feeling at this time.
 - ii. *Overwhelmed* = "To grow faint; become weak"
 - iii. David felt separated from God's presence.
 - iv. *From the end of the earth* = This is "spiritual _____" = Though David was not that far away physically, he felt as if he was across the world from God's presence.
 - v. The wonderful thing about this day in which we live is that we can meet with Jesus even at the ends of the earth!
 - vi. What causes us to feel separated from God?
 1. _____ = Isaiah 59:2
 2. _____ (backsliding) = Hosea 11:7; Jeremiah 14:7
 - vii. _____ What do we do to feel close again?
 1. Remember feelings don't always indicate _____! = Romans 8:35-39
 2. Go where you know God is.
3. _____ (v. 3)
 - i. Notice the ways that God is described here:
 1. *Shelter* = "_____"; a place of safety and freedom from danger" _____ *Strong tower* = "A tall, narrow, defensive building" = Prov. 18:10 = Goes along with how He is described in v. 2, "...lead me to the rock that is higher than I." = It is referencing that *God puts us in places inaccessible to our enemies!*
 - ii. He is not just these things for David; He is all of these things for us as well!
4. _____ (v. 4)
 - i. Notice the two "I will's":
 1. *I will abide in Thy tabernacle for ever* = Psalm 23:6; Psalm 27:4
 2. *I will trust in the covert of Thy wings. Selah.* = *Covert* means "Hiding place" or "Secret place." = God's protection pictured as a mother hen watching over her chicks. = This was also used many times by David! = Psalm 17:8; 36:7; 57:1
 - ii. Many of the ways that God is described, _____ claimed for Himself:
 1. He is the _____ = I Corinthians 10:4 = He was stricken for us once for sin
 2. He is the Temple = John 2:19-21 = In Jesus, we can see God face to face! = John 14:9
 3. He is as the Mother Hen protecting her chicks from harm = Luke 13:34
 4. He is our _____ = Hebrews 6:18-20
 - iii. Our security should come from Who _____ is, not who _____ are!

II. "You have heard me!" (vs. 5-8)

1. _____ (v. 5)
 - i. David has confidence in the Lord because he knows that God has heard him. It should give us confidence knowing that God hears our prayers!
 - ii. *Vows* = It seems like it was a usual thing for people to make vows during difficult times as they prayed for help, healing, or deliverance.
 - iii. *Heritage* = This is referencing a _____ possession = The privileges of children of God
2. PROLONGING (v. 6)
 - i. David was saying that God would add days upon days to his life. Not only that he would live a long life, but that he would be permitted to live!
 - ii. People were seeking his life and David knew God would get him through it!
 - iii. David knew his prayer was heard and had confidence that God would prolong his life.
3. _____ (v. 7)
 - i. *Abide* = "To _____; dwell"
 - ii. God will appoint mercy and truth to watch over him (God's favor and kindness).
 - iii. Proverbs 20:28, "Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy."
 - iv. These two verses point to the future beyond David to the _____ who will rule forever and Who is Mercy and Truth personified!
4. _____ (v. 8)
 - i. _____ in God leads to the praise of God.
 - ii. Every Christian should be singing the praises of God on a daily basis.
5. _____ (v. 8)
 - i. David fully intends on living up to his promises!
 - ii. What you vow to God, _____!

***Is there a prayer request that you are wanting God to hear and take action on?
Do you have a feeling of separation from God? What could you do to fix that?
Are you searching for confidence and security from someone or something other than God?***