

Psalm 61 A Psalm of David

¹⁻³ LORD,

I have been forced to run from my enemy and hide in the wilderness. Please hear me when I cry out to You in prayer asking for help, and please give my request Your full attention. ²⁻³ I am calling out to You from this wilderness because the immensity of my troubles has caused me to be worn down and worn out. Your wonderful name has been my place of refuge until now, and You have placed a wall of protection around me even though I must run and hide from my enemy from time to time. Please lead me to a safe place that is supernaturally provided, because I don't have the strength to go on. ⁴ Please allow me to continue hiding under the umbrella of Your loving and caring hands, and allow me to live in Your house forever.

Folks, stop what you are doing, and ponder the seriousness of my difficulties. Realize that when troubles come, the LORD is the place to go for help.

⁵ I ask for Your help because I have trusted in Jesus Christ¹ as my personal savior from sin, and You have made me a son of God. I have also vowed to be faithful to You. Therefore, You have promised me an inheritance in heaven along with all those who have trusted in Christ as savior. ⁶⁻⁷ I have had to escape from my enemy, but I firmly believe that You will give me many, many more years to live and serve You. Please preserve me by applying Your tender love and kindness to me accompanied by Your truth. ⁸ When You do, I will sing praises to Your holy name every day, and I will be faithful to perform what I have promised You that I would do.

¹ For the sake of application, since Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," the name "Jesus Christ" has been used.