

Psalm 61

1 To the chief Musician upon Neginah, A Psalm of David. 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.

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. 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.

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

Introduction:

1. "To the chief Musician" (1 Chr. 25:1-6) – Asaph, Jeduthun, Heman.
2. "Neginah" (1 time only, here) – meaning "a stringed instrument" (singular) vs. Neginoth (plural).
3. "A Psalm of David."

Outline:

- A. Prayer for Protection (vv.1-2) (vv.6-7)
- B. Expression of Confidence (vv.3-5) (v.8)

Observations:

1. William O. Cushing's "Hiding in Thee" is based on v.2.
2. I Sam. 13:6 – People would hide themselves in rocks and caves.
3. But David was in flight here during the time of Absalom's insurrection (2 Sam. 18).
4. The Rock is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 10:4; 1 Pet. 2:7)

Lesson: The believer is to constantly (daily) hide himself in the Rock through prayer and Bible study. Go to the Rock of salvation!

Psalm 62

1 To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David. Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. 2 He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence. 4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. 7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. 9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity. 10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God. 12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

Introduction:

1. "To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun (or Ethan) (1 Chr. 9:16; 16:42).
2. "A Psalm of David."
3. Also the time of Absalom's rebellion (cf. Ps. 4, and similar to Pss. 39, 61, and 63).

Outline:

- A. Confidence in the LORD (vv.1-2)
- B. Man is Unreliable (vv.3-4)
- C. The LORD of my Salvation (vv.5-7)
- B.' Trust in the LORD not people (vv.8-10)
- A.' Confidence in the LORD (vv.11-12)

Observations:

1. David is encouraged by thinking on who the LORD is.
2. Resting in God requires waiting and patience.
3. David has little faith in humanity.
4. The wicked attack with words and deeds.

Lesson: We must learn to trust in God (vv.1, 5).