

## **PSALM 61 – Assurance of God’s Eternal Protection!**

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**PSALM 61** - The sixty-first psalm, again is thought to be written by David at the time that he had fled from Absalom and had been exiled and found refuge across the Jordan River. He’s on the east side of the Jordan River on the east bank and Absalom has moved into Jerusalem. Absalom has taken and shamed David in the eyes of all of the people, putting the tent on top of the house and putting David’s concubines in the tent and going openly into David’s concubines. He had done this disgrace to his father. David is crying now unto God in the uncertainty of this whole situation. Absalom is in power and in control and David, too old to fight his battles. His men have gone out to help defend against the army that is pursuing David. David prays unto the Lord.

**PSALM 61 - To the Chief Musician. On A Stringed Instrument. A Psalm of David.**

**Vs. 1-3 – The Psalm!**

**Lead Me to the Rock**

**Psa 61:1 . Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer.**

**Psa 61:2 From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.**

- *Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You.* David felt like he was at the end of the earth. He was away from Jerusalem, away from that holy city, away from the tabernacle of God.
- David really wasn’t that far away but because of the circumstances you feel like you are a million miles from anywhere, from help. You feel like you are so far from help, but it was only a mile to walk to the telephone there in that campground area there but man I felt like I was way out somewhere in the wilderness. David was across Jordan, he was away from home in that unfamiliar territory, “From the end of the earth will I cry to You.
- The wonderful thing about prayer is that it is not limited to a place. I can cry unto God from anyplace and at any time. “He that keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.” I never have to worry about God being asleep. He’s there on guard twenty-four hours a day. His ears are open and attended to the cries of his people. So, you can cry to God from anyplace.
- *From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed!* At this point David’s heart was overwhelmed. Overwhelmed because of the problems. His own son who he loves so deeply, his son upon whom he heaps such favors, his son that had now rebelled against his father and was determined to kill his own father, it was just more than David could handle. It was

overwhelming to David that his son could have such bitterness and such hatred against him. He is overwhelmed because he had been driven from his home, even driven from Jerusalem and the enemies were pursuing him. It seemed like the whole movement was with Absalom and against David. The tide of their fickle hearts had turned from David and were following after Absalom and it was overwhelming because David could see no way out of the dilemma.

- *Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.* So many times, we are overwhelmed by our experiences of life, overwhelmed by the problems that we are facing and overwhelmed with our circumstances. We cannot understand them, nor do we know how to handle them and we just sort of become innervated because of the problem that we face and we can't see any solution.
- The rock that is higher than I. The problem is too great for me to handle. I am overwhelmed by the situation but there is a rock that is higher than I and it is not too great for the rock. He is able to handle the situation, our God is able to deliver, "lead me to the rock that is higher than I!"

***Psa 61:3 For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy.***

- Around the walls of the city, they always had the towers of defense. The towers were much higher than the walls. It could be that they could throw a javelin to the defender on the wall against the defender. The fellows that were in the towers were higher than the javelins could be thrown. There was that certain safety in the tower but yet you throw a rock from the tower and by the time it hits the ground it is coming down with a tremendous force of gravity giving you a tremendous advantage from those towers. They were the real citadels of strength and God has become the citadel of my strength. He's my shelter; he's a strong tower from the enemy.

***Psa 61:4 I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.***

***Selah***

- Interesting thing, David is away from the tabernacle, he's over on the other side of the Jordan River and his destiny is uncertain right now and Absalom is in rebellion. Absalom's armies are pursuing after David. David is still having come to the Lord and having put things into perspective of God being the rock that is higher than I and being my strong tower therefore I am going to dwell in your tabernacle in a place of your presence forever. The assurance again that David had of God's ultimate triumph over the enemies. I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." That's where I'm going to trust, in the shadow and in the covering of your wings.

***Psa 61:5 For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.***

- Tremendous heritage among people Lord who fear you.

***Psa 61:6 You will prolong the king's life, His years as many generations.***

- Lord you are going to sustain me. Again, the psalm starts out with the uncertainty, but it ends with great confidence.
- You're going to sustain me.

***Psa 61:7 He shall abide before God forever. Oh, prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him!***

***Psa 61:8 So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may daily perform my vows.***

- I'm going to end up singing. I'm going to end up with songs of victory. God will deliver me. God will be with me, God is my help and God is my strength. We need to notice over and over the prayers of David that begin with the problem and the uncertainty of the situation but through prayer David is brought into the position of victory, strength and confidence. That's why we should bring every problem to the Lord in prayer. That's why prayer is such a place of strength for the child of God. That's why prayer will lift you out of the doldrums, out of the spirit of defeat and bring you into the sense of victory as we are assured, even through prayer, of God's help and God's work as

we take the situation that we can't handle and place it in God's hands where he can take care of it. I have that confidence that God is able to keep that which I have committed unto him.

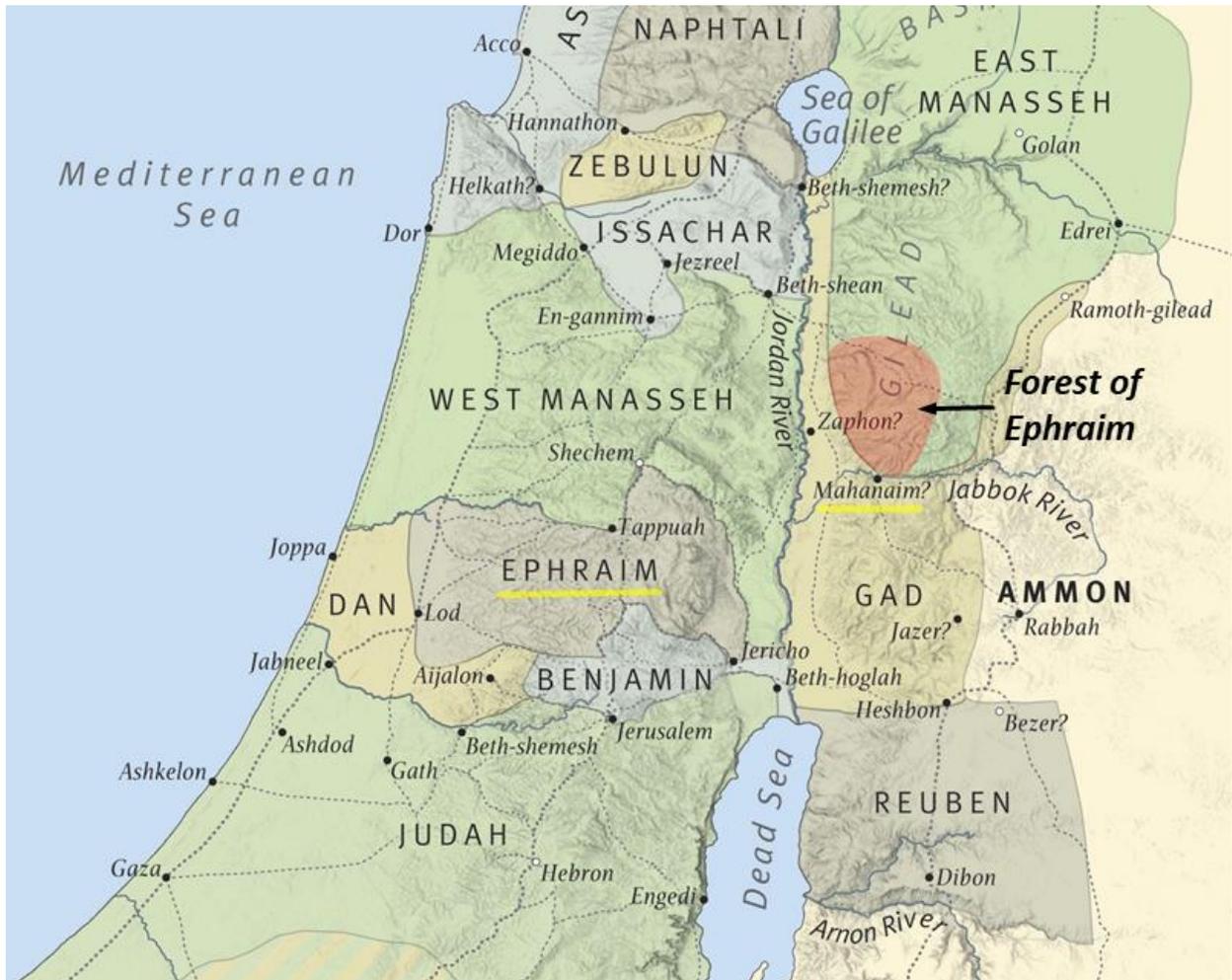
- I have committed my life, my ways to the Lord. God's able to keep me, keep me as long as he wants me. When I come to that place where He wants me with him He'll still be keeping me. As with David, I'm going to be singing forever the praises of God because I belong to him. Thus, the worst thing that could happen to me is that I might get killed. That's not too bad if I'm a child of God. "To be absent from this body is to be present with the Lord" so you see, it's not that bad of deal! In fact it's a good deal.
- Put your trust in the Lord; place your life in His hands, the circumstances before Him in prayer. Watch how it changes our attitude towards these things, how it takes us from a feeling of defeat and despair into one of victory and song. Now go and put it in practice.

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Modi- India; Joe Biden – USA; Joko Widodo - Indonesia; Jair Bolsonaro - Brazil; Arif Alvi -  
Pakistan; Shehbaz Sharif - Nigeria; Hasina Wazed - Bangladesh; Vladimir Putin- Russia; Lopez  
Obrador – Mexico; Yair Lapid – Israel; Olaf Scholtz – Germany; Boris Johnson – U.K.; Kim  
Jong-un – North Korea; Yoon Suk Yeol– South Korea.***

***PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE  
OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:***



2Sa 17:27 Now it happened, when **David had come to Mahanaim**, that Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of Ammon, Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim,

2Sa 17:28 brought beds and basins, earthen vessels and wheat, barley and flour, parched grain and beans, lentils and parched seeds,

2Sa 17:29 honey and curds, sheep and cheese of the herd, for David and the people who were with him to eat. For they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness."

2Sa 18:6 So the people went out into the field of battle against Israel. And the battle was in the **woods of Ephraim.**

2Sa 18:7 The people of Israel were overthrown there before the servants of David, and a great slaughter of twenty thousand took place there that day.

2Sa 18:8 For the battle there was scattered over the face of the whole countryside, and the woods devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

2Sa 18:9 Then **Absalom met the servants of David. Absalom rode on a mule. The mule went under the thick boughs of a great terebinth tree, and his head caught in the terebinth; so he was left hanging between heaven and earth. And the mule which was under him went on.**