

Refuge Lament Turning

Psalms of David · Book II

"For the Chief Musician. For a stringed instrument. By David."

PICTURE WORD

Tower

IN ONE SENTENCE



From earth's end, a weary king cries to God to lead him to a high rock and keep him forever.

Remember it: Sixty-one: from the ends of the earth, lead me to the higher rock.

MEMORY VERSE

I will dwell in your tent forever. I will take refuge in the shelter of your wings. Selah.

Psalm 61:4 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

בְּצוֹר

"rock" · verse 2

In the Psalms: 26 times, in 19 psalms

צוֹר means a great rock or cliff, a place high and solid. Moses' song calls God "the Rock" whose work is perfect. Here the weary singer asks to be led to "the rock that is higher than I." He cannot climb to safety by himself; God must lead him there.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–4 From earth's end, he asks to be led to the higher rock.

5–8 God hears his vows, prolongs the king, and receives daily praise.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 61 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/61.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Refuge in Trouble

The King & the Messiah

FILL IN THE BLANKS

From earth's end, a _____ king cries to God to lead him to a high
_____ and keep him _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. From where does the psalmist call to God?

☐ (A) From the end of the earth

☐ (B) From the temple courts

☐ (C) From a prison cell

☐ (D) From the battlefield

2. What has God been to him against the enemy?

☐ (A) A sharp sword

☐ (B) A deep river

☐ (C) A strong tower

☐ (D) A swift horse

3. What will God do for the king?

☐ (A) Give him gold

☐ (B) Prolong his life

☐ (C) Give him many sons

☐ (D) Defeat Egypt

TALK IT OVER

1. Why does the psalmist need to be led to a rock "higher than I"?

2. What does the image of God's tent and wings say about how close he lets us come?

3. When your heart is overwhelmed, what keeps you from calling out to God?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 61 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 4 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: weary · rock · forever · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 2) · 2. C (v. 3) · 3. B (v. 6)