

Ain't No Rock
Psalm 61

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I. The prayer of the broken. Psalm 61:1

The LORD hears our prayers, even when they are spoken from our hearts when we cannot express our feelings with words. The LORD delights in answering prayers of _____. **Romans 8:26**

- When we have exhausted all other options during a need or a crisis, we should learn to call out to the only One who loves us and can make a _____, where there seems to be no way.

The LORD's answers are given in His time, for His reasons, according to His will and good pleasure. Sometimes the answer is yes, sometimes no, and sometimes _____!

II. The Rock that is higher. Psalm 61:2

David never traveled much of the world during his life, but he was communicating that there was not a place, in all of creation, that the LORD could not _____. **Psalm 139:8-10**

- "The **rock**" symbolizes stability, a strong foundation, a firm footing, wisdom, and _____ beyond David's abilities.

1 Corinthians 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was _____.

- Faith is weighing the evidence of what God has said would happen and then believing Him, especially when we cannot see the evidence with our _____ eyes! **Hebrews 11:6**

III. A shelter and a strong tower. Psalm 61:3-4

Ancient cities had walls all around them that usually had a tower as a lookout place. The _____ we have, along with the safety we enjoy from the LORD, is a shelter or a strong tower.

- David trusted in the LORD to be his strong tower, where he could flee and find strength and safety in his time of _____.

"Wings as the near and protected place that a mother bird gives to her offspring, _____ her chicks under the shelter of her wings." (Guzik)

IV. The answer to prayer. Psalm 61:5-8

David made a vow to the LORD, which basically was saying he wanted to serve the LORD with his _____ heart.

David's physical kingdom would last longer than King Saul's kingdom, but David also knew _____ was to come through his lineage and His Kingdom would last forever. **2 Samuel 7:16**

- We should praise the LORD because He is _____ of all praise, glory, and honor because of Who He is and His faithfulness.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Psalm 61:1**. What does the prayer of the broken sound like? What does "**Attend to my Prayer**" mean? Describe a time when you cried out to the Lord and couldn't communicate all that you wanted to, verbally.
Psalm 34:17-18, Isaiah 57:15, Romans 8:16, Luke 18:10-14, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
2. Read **Psalm 61:2**. What did David mean by "**From the end of the Earth I will cry to you**"? Describe the dual explanation of the "**rock**".
Psalm 138:8-10
3. Read **Exodus 17:3-7** and **Numbers 20:7-8**. Discuss the sin of the Israelites, the sin of Moses, and what hitting the "**rock**" symbolized.
1 Corinthians 10:1-5, Romans 6:9-11, Hebrews 4:16, Hebrews 11:6
4. Read **Psalm 61:3-4**. What do a strong tower, a shelter, and wings represent? Discuss a time when you felt as if the LORD was your personal strong tower.
Proverbs 18:10, Judges 9:51, Isaiah 40:28-31
5. Read **Psalm 61:5**. Discuss the **vow** of David to the LORD.
Mark 12:30-31, Job 11:13-19, Matthew 5:8, Matthew 6:21, Deuteronomy 6:5
6. Read **Psalm 61:6-7**. Discuss the reference to Messiah in these verses.
John 1:17, Isaiah 9:6-7, Matthew 1:1, Jeremiah 23:5
7. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.
Matthew 21:44, Luke 19:37-40, Colossians 1:12-14