

PSALM 61... LEAD ME TO THE ROCK

Psalm 61:1-4 (KJV)

¹ 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.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS IS THE BIBLES' PRAYER BOOK. WHEN WE ARE DAILY SEEKING HIM CONTINUALLY.. WE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK FORTH IN PRAISE!!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 ¹⁶ Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing.

¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit. ²⁰ Despise not prophesyings.

²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

²² Abstain from all appearance of evil.

IN CONCISE STATEMENTS PAUL GIVES A LOT OF GOOD INSTRUCTION.....

HE THAT WILL PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.. WILL REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS!! NO ONE EVER BACKSLID WHO WAS FAITHFUL IN AND FERVENT IN DAILY PRAYER!!

V 2 FROM THE END OF THE EARTH I WILL CRY UNTO THEE... NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE... NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCE; PRAYER IS ALWAYS IN ORDER!!

WHEN WE ARE OVERWHELMED... WE HAVE ALL BEEN THERE, WHEN PROBLEMS, TROUBLE, SICKNESS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SEEM TO BE MORE THAN WE CAN BEAR. WE NEED TO BE READY TO ASSIST PEOPLE WHO ARE OVERWHELMED..

LEAD ME TO THE ROCK!! LITERALLY TAKE THEM BY THE HAND.. PRAY WITH THEM, BRING THEM TO THE ALTAR. SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE INCAPABLE OF HELPING THEMSELVES.

THE POOL OF BETHESDA

John 5:6-8 ⁶ When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

⁷ The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

⁸ Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

THE MAN SICK OF THE Palsy

Mark 2:3-5 ³ And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

⁴ And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

HIS FRIENDS BROUGHT HIM TO A PLACE AND PUT HIM INTO A POSITION WHERE HE COULD GET WHAT HE NEEDED FROM THE LORD!!

Psalm 61:3-4 (KJV)

³ For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.

PRAYER IS A REFUGE, A SHELTER FROM THE STORMS OF LIFE... WE FLEE TO THE STRONG TOWER... NOTHING COWARDLY ABOUT RUNNING TO GOD!!

Isaiah 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. AGAIN OUR DEFENSE FROM BEING OVERWHELMED ... SWEEPED AWAY BY THE FLOOD.. IS TO TAKE REFUGE IN HIS PRESENCE!!

⁴ I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

I WILL ABIDE IN THY TABERNACLE..

Psalm 84:4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

I WILL TRUST IN THE COVERT OF THY WINGS. SELAH THIS IS REFERENCE TO THE ANGELS WINGS THAT COVERED THE ARK OF THE COVENANT. I WILL GO TO THE HOLY PLACE... AND TAKE REFUGE IN THE COVENANT..(THE WORD) YOU HAVE GIVEN ME!!

PEOPLE DO NOT BACKSLIDE WHO ARE DILIGENT TO THE PRAYER CLOSET AND THE HOUSE OF GOD.. PEOPLE LOSE OUT WHO NEGLECT THE CLOSET AND THE SANCTUARY!!

Psalm 61:5-8 (KJV)

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.

AS SO OFTEN HAPPENS DAVID STARTED THIS PSALM WITH A DESPERATE PLEA...

~~FLEEING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP. HE ENDS THE PSALM WITH PRAISE AND~~
CONFIDENCE!! TALKS ABOUT HIS HERITAGE AND LONG LIFE AND GENERATIONS TO COME. LONGEVITY... NOT THE SOUND OF THROWING IN THE TOWEL OR GIVING UP!!

Hebrews 10:38-39 (KJV)

³⁸ Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

³⁹ But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Psalm 73:27-28 (KJV)

²⁷ For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. ²⁸ But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

IT IS VITAL IN THAT MOMENT WHEN WE ARE DESPERATE.. WHEN WE ARE OVERWHELMED... THAT WE MAKE GOD OUR REFUGE!! THERE ARE MANY CROSSROADS IN LIFE... AND MANY BREAKING POINTS. WE MUST CONTINUALLY SEEK THE COUNSEL AND COMFORT OF HIM WHO HAS ALL THINGS IN HIS HAND!!