

PRAYING PSALM 61

“Hear my cry, O God...” (Psalm 61:1).

David may have written this when Absalom drove him from the throne (II Samuel chapters 15-18). 1. CRY FOR HELP (1-2). From the end of the earth I will cry to you. Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I. 2. CONFIDENCE IN GOD (3-7). You have been my shelter. You have been my tower. I will trust in the shelter of your wings. 3. COMMITMENT TO GOD (8). I will sing praise. I will daily perform my vows.

Many cry out to God, with no intention of committing to God. Above everything else, prayer is a way to know God’s will so we can commit to it. “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” is a prayer for God’s perfect will. All prayer must lead to God’s will or it is useless. A true cry for help wants to know and do God’s will? Is your confidence in God about gifts or committing to the Giver? The bottom line of prayer is commitment to the will of God. Remember that when you cry to God for help.