

# **LEAD ME TO THE ROCK THAT IS HIGHER THAN I**

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Psa 61:1 <To the chief Musician upon Neginah, *A Psalm* of David.> Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

Psa 61:2 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.

Psa 61:3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.

Psa 61:4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: **I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.**

Psa 61:5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

## **“LEAD ME”**

1. **God is looking for people that are lead able**, because by nature we are self centered, self driven, self goal orientated. But to follow Jesus, we must leave are ways and turn to God to know his ways.
2. **Jesus Said “Follow Me and I will make you ...”**

Pro 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Pro 21:2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

Jdg 21:25 In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

Pro 14:14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

## **WE MUST FORSAKE OUR WAYS TO FIND GODS WAYS**

Isa 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1Pe 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Joh 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Mat 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Mat 11:30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

## **TO FIND GOD'S WAYS, WE MUST BE LEAD ABLE AND GUIDABLE**

1. There must be a total surrender of our will and our ways to follow Jesus.

Act 8:30 And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

Act 8:31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Act 9:4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Act 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

Act 9:6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

### **FIVE I WILL'S OF SATAN**

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

1. **We must learn to follow the leading of God's will in our life not our own will.** ("Not my will but thine be done.")

Jam 4:13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

Jam 4:14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Jam 4:15 For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

1. **I will ascend into heaven**
2. **I will exalt my throne above the stars of God**
3. **I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:**

4. **I will ascend above the heights of the clouds**
5. **I will be like the most High**

### THE FOUR I WILL'S OF PASLMS SIXTY ONE

(The four progressive "I wills.")

1. **I Will Cry unto thee:** (realize our need of God.)

Psa 61:2 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.

Psa 61:3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.

2. **I Will abide in thy tabernacle:** (Attendance to the House of God.)

Psa 61:4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever:

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

3. **I will Trust:** (Not in the arm of flesh, but in the eternal God)

Psa 61:4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

Isa 12:2 Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also *is* become my salvation.

Psa 20:7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Psa 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psa 91:2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; **in him will I trust.**

Psa 91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

#### 4. I will Sing Praise

Psa 61:5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

Psa 61:8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

“*So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever.*” Because my prayer is answered, my song shall be perpetual; because Jesus forever reigns in the position to answer our prayers; because I am preserved in him, it shall be grateful.

Psa 46:1 <To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.> God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psa 46:2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Psa 46:3 *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

Psa 46:4 *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.

Psa 46:5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early.

1. **There is a River:** The smooth flowing, and never failing river of God’s divine grace.
2. **The Streams Whereof shall make Glad:** Streams flow from the rivers, Are lives are being constantly supplied from the streams of His Power.
3. **God is in the Midst of Her:** God is in the midst of her, His help is sure and near. (Psa 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.)