

## **I Go to the Rock**

**Psalm 61:1-3** *Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.*

Giving honor to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Honor to God's sons and daughters. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Our topic today is "I Go to the Rock."

In the midst of everything that's going on in the world, I woke up this morning "Thanking God" because He has been mighty good to me. And, I just believe that He has been mighty good to you too. Oftentimes we find ourselves in the midst of the stormy sea and I would like to encourage you this morning to look to the Master of the sea rather than the storms. The master's name is Jesus. Sometimes life gets tough and if the truth be told, the pressures and burdens of everyday life, the cares or our love ones, relationships, life, physical/mental pain, short-comings, financial situations, etc... can cause you to pause and wonder – what's going on? It can really be overwhelming... Can I get a witness? I want to encourage you today to "**Go to the Rock.**"

**Prayer** - Stop right there. Yes, stop what you're doing and have a little talk with Jesus. The Psalmist asked God to hear their cry and attend to their prayer. Isn't it a blessing to know that God attends to our prayers? Hallelujah. He has heard your prayer, and opens doors that no man can close. He's still making a way for you. He's still healing your body and healing your life. He's blessing your sons and daughters. He's still blessing your family and keeping the death angel away. *What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer! Take it to God in Prayer.* I wish I had a witness that don't mind saying, "I Go to the Rock!"

**Location** - From the End of the Earth – It doesn't matter if you're on the east coast or the west coast, in the city, or in a rural area. Wherever you are- take a moment to cry out the Lord. David did it. He realized that he was worn down, tired, and overwhelmed. He acknowledged "when his heart was overwhelmed, that he could call upon the Lord to lead him. Who's leading you

in life? David knew that there was a rock that was higher than he was. A rock that could deliver him. Good God Almighty. Did you know that Jesus is the Rock. The Apostle Paul talked about drinking from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. (1 Cor. 10:14) Jesus is Rock; the chief cornerstone" or "living stone" upon which the church is built. (Eph. 2:20) Jesus is the wise builder's rock. Anyone who hears and acts on the words of the Lord Jesus are like a wise man who builds his house on the rock, which can withstand the storms of life. (Matt.7:24-27) Tell somebody, "I Go to the Rock."

**The Declaration** - David said, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Jesus said, come unto me all that are weak and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. My yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matt. 11:28-29) The Lord Jesus is a strong tower. David said the Lord was a shelter for him and a strong tower from the enemy. The psalmist testified that the Lord had been a shelter and a strong tower of protection from the enemy. (Psalm 61:3) Take a moment to welcome the Lord into your life as your Lord and Savior. Accept His love, guidance, and protection. You can turn your burdens, struggles, and shortcomings over to Him. His yoke is easy and His burdens are light. (Matt. 11:30) Oh Lord, you can "Go to the Rock."

*In closing, pray to God, in the east or the west and make a declaration that you will "Go to the Rock." He will forgive you of your sin and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Jesus is referred to as "the Rock" to symbolize his role as an unchanging, secure foundation, source of spiritual life, and refuge. As a rock, Jesus is an ever present, constant, unwavering, steadfast Savior in the mist of the storms of life. He is our refuge. He's an ever-present help, in a time of trouble. He's the rock of our salvation. The same way the physical rock provided water in the desert, Christ provides spiritual water and eternal life. He is the source of eternal life. Don't feel like you're all alone. Don't you give up on life or throw in the towel. The Lord Jesus Christ is available to you today, Go to the Rock today. We share this prayer: "Lord I stand on your Holy Word and according to Romans 10:9. I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. I believe this and I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior". Now, my name is written in the Lamb's book of life. (God Bless You and Heaven Smile Upon You. Welcome to the Body of Christ.) You have Gone to the Rock!!! In Jesus Name. Amen.*