

Title: "ATTEND TO MY CRY, O GOD"

Text: **Psalm 61**

(I) TRIALS OF LIFE CAN BE VERY CHALLENGING

- 1. We can feel that we are at the end of the earth (Psalm 61:a)**
- 2. We can feel thoroughly overwhelmed (Psalm 61:2b)**

(II) THE PLACE OF PRAYER IN THE TRIALS OF LIFE

- 1. Crying out to God in prayer (Psalm 61:1)**
 - a) Wherever we are
 - b) Whatever we may feel
- 2. Content of Prayer**
 - a) God's leading to higher ground (**Psalm 61:2c**)
 - b) Vowing to God (**Psalm 61:5a**)
 - i) Maturity of faith to comprehend the significance of a vow
 - ii) Maturity of faith and life to fulfil what is vowed

(III) THE POWER OF CONFIDENT FAITH IN GOD

- 1. God will be a shelter (Psalm 61:3a, 4b)**
- 2. God will be a strong tower (Psalm 61:3b)**
- 3. God will hear our vows (prayer) (Psalm 61:5a)**
- 4. God will prolong our life (Psalm 61:6)**
- 5. God will preserve (Psalm 61:7)**

(IV) APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

- 1. To abide in the Lord's tabernacle (Psalm 61:4a)**

- 2. To trust in the shelter of God's wings (Psalm 61:4b)**
- 3. To sing praises to the Lord (Psalm 61:8a)**
- 4. To fulfil vow(s) to God (Psalm 61:8b)**