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Lead me to the Rock

*'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'.*

*'And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by Me,
and thou shalt stand upon a rock'.*

Ps. 61:2; Ex. 33:21

In troubled times when storms and challenges come in the lives of the Lord's people, it is a wonderful comfort to know there is a place of safety. When natural events such as floods, tsunamis or landslides consume properties and neighborhoods, the only hope for survival is to reach higher solid ground. The world today is full of uncertainty and insecurity, with fear breaking into the hearts of men as their lives of serenity and pleasure are disturbed by threats of violence, loss of income or ill health.

Where there is no understanding of the Word of God the future is unknown and full of fearful prospects. Where does this leave the believer, and are we to be equally tossed about and fearful? Psalm 61 gives us hope in One who can lead us to know a place of safety, and our God Himself is that Rock. 'For who is God, save the LORD? Who is a Rock save our God?' (2 Sam. 22:32).

The Lord has brought us out of a horrible pit and set our feet on a rock so that we have a firm foundation and our goings are established. This sure foundation is based not on our own resilience or power but on the almighty God and on the Rock of our salvation. The work of Christ has laid the foundation of our eternal blessing. The Good Shepherd assures us of His faithful and powerful care in our pathway,

and the Word of God reveals the truth about the future – which for us is with the Lord in glory.

So everything is secure as to our standing before God, our daily protection and our future – nothing can separate us from the love of God. The foundation of God stands sure and if we want to build our lives to practically get the good of this Rock, we must hear the words of the Lord and do them (Matt. 7:24).

