

JUSTIFICATION:

An act of God, a declaration, concerning our status:

Forgiven! (just as if I'd never sinned)

Righteous in his sight!

It's as good as done!

You are totally changed *in status*.

SANCTIFICATION:

A process whereby we gradually attain *in nature*
what we were declared to be all at once *in status*.

You become, gradually, what you truly are!

Psalm 61:1-2
TO THE CHOIRMASTER.
WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS. OF DAVID

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;
from the end of the earth I call to you
when my heart is faint.

Wherever we are
we may have liberty of access to God,
and may find a way open
to the throne of grace.

Heaven is equally accessible
from all places.

~Matthew Henry

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Psalms 23:4

Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

James 5:13

Is anyone among you suffering?

Let him pray.

Is anyone cheerful?

Let him sing praise.

1. David knows his need.
2. And he knows to whom to turn in his need.

Psalm 61:3

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,
for you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Psalm 62:5-8

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

Psalm 23:5

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

1. David knows his need.
2. He knows to whom to turn in his need.
3. He takes comfort in his present circumstances, when he remembers God's faithfulness.

Psalm 61:4

Let me dwell in your tent forever!

Let me take refuge
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4. He takes comfort by looking ahead, knowing that he will be with God forever!

Psalm 27:4-5

One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

Psalm 23:6

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell
in the house of the LORD forever.

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Selah

For you, O God, have heard my vows;

you have given me the heritage

of those who fear your name.

Psalm 61:6-7

Prolong the life of the king;
may his years endure to all generations!
May he be enthroned forever before God;
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness
to watch over him!

Psalm 61:8

So will I ever sing praises to your name,
as I perform my vows day after day.

Psalm 63:2-8

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

Psalm 63:2-8

So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings
I will sing for joy.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

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