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<p>Psalm 23</p> <p><i>A psalm of David.</i></p> <p>¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.</p> <p>² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.</p> <p>⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[a] I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.</p> <p>⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.</p> <p>⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.</p> <p>a. <i>Or the valley of the shadow of death.</i></p>	

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<p>Psalm 61^[b] <i>For the director of music. With stringed instruments. Of David.</i></p> <p>¹ Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.</p> <p>² From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.</p> <p>³ For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.</p> <p>⁴ I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.^[c]</p> <p>⁵ For you, God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.</p> <p>⁶ Increase the days of the king's life, his years for many generations.</p> <p>⁷ May he be enthroned in God's presence forever; appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him.</p> <p>⁸ Then I will ever sing in praise of your name and fulfill my vows day after day.</p> <p>b. In Hebrew texts 61:1-8 is numbered 61:2-9. c. The Hebrew has <i>Selah</i> (a word of uncertain meaning) here.</p>	

Reflections

In the familiar Psalm 23, David tells of ways God cares for, comforts, and protects him. How has God comforted you in the past? How are you experiencing God's care for you in the present? How does God give you hope for the future?

Based on Psalm 61, how should we pray? Where should we pray? For what should we pray? What encourages us to pray?

