

When we need to take Shelter

Psalm 57.1-11

***a cave - an unlikely setting
for a song of praise v5,11***

1. A Desperate Situation, vs4,6

- ***hunted like a wild animal v4
relentless verbal attacks 56.1-6***
- ***in danger from traps v6
up against plotters, schemers
as with Jesus Mk 12.13-15***
- ***depressed and dispirited v6
bowed down in distress***

2. A Determined Reaction, vs1-3,5-11

- ***our fear of foes is overcome
through faith in our God***

- **he sought mercy from God v1**
he appealed to God's character
Ps 103.10-14,8
his love, faithfulness v3,10
- **he sought refuge in God v1**
under the shadow of his wings
Isaiah 34.15; Ruth 2.12
a picture of protection 17.8; 61.4
available to all 36.7
creating a sense of well-being 63.7
giving rise to singing v7
- **he confirmed his faith**
in God's purposes for his life v2
to become king 1 Sam 23.16-17
Ps 138.7-8; Rom 8.28-29
in God's power to save him v3
by trapping his enemies v6; 9.16
- **he resolved to praise God v5,8-9,11**
above and beyond himself v5,11
to everyone everywhere v8,10
- **our response is the key Rom 5.2-5**