



## Psalm 61:8

*“So I will sing praise to your name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.” (NKJV)*

*“Then I will sing praises to your name forever, as I fulfill my vows each day.” (NLT)*

*“So I will sing praise to your name forever, paying my vows day to day.” (AMP)*

### **Sing Praise:**

Zamar-striking with the fingers; properly, to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument, i.e. play upon it; to make music, accompanied by the voice; hence to celebrate in song and music

### **Forever:**

Ad-properly, a (peremptory) terminus, i.e. (by implication) duration, in the sense of advance or perpetuity (substantially as a noun, either with or without a preposition): eternity, ever (-lasting, -more), old, perpetually, world without end

### **Perform:**

Shalam-to be safe (in mind, body or estate); figuratively, to be completed; to be friendly; by extension, to reciprocate

### **Vows:**

Neder-a promise (to God); also (concretely) a thing promised

You might read it like this: “I will play my stringed instrument to the end of the world and celebrate you in song and music. I will do this everyday as I fulfill the promises I made to you.”

Making vows to God was a common ancient custom. The vows were usually made of a person’s own free will in recognition of God’s goodness. A person was under no obligation to make a vow, but once the vow was made they were under obligation to abide by it. It appears in Psalm 61 that King David had made some vows to God. I believe that included in these vows was a promise to worship God forever.

### **Scripture references:**

Psalm 22:25

My praise shall be of you in the great assembly; I will pay my vows before those who fear Him.

Psalm 50:14

Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 56:12

Vows made to you are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises to you...

Psalm 66:13

I will go into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows...

Psalm 116:14

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

Psalm 72:15

...And He shall live; and the gold of Sheba will be given to him; prayer also will be made for him continually, and daily he shall be praised.

Psalm 9:2

I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Psalm 7:17

I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness, and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

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