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Reaching the World Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ

God, Our Rock!

And he (David) said, The Lord is my Rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. I will call on the Lord, who is worth to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

II Samuel 22:2-4

In these scriptures, we see David in an atmosphere of praise and worship to God. David calls God his rock. That means his solid place. This reminds me of the parable in the Bible where we are encouraged to build upon the rock, the solid foundation. When the house was built on sand, it crumbles as the waves and storms beat against it. However, the house on the rock could not be moved. This is what David is referring to when he refers to God as his rock.

With God as our rock, we will not be moved by every storm and situation in life. Yes, trials and testing will come, but to no avail. When we stand on the “Rock of Ages,” we stand on the very thing that keeps us. Our rock (God) will also crush Satan and stop his plans to hinder us. Even when Moses struck the rock (symbolic of Jesus), it brought forth water to meet the peoples’ needs. Jesus was crucified once for all. Moses was instructed the next time to speak to the rock (symbolic of Jesus), and it would give forth blessing upon request. Jesus reminds us to ask in His name, and our Father will respond. God and Christ are our strong foundation and places of supply.

David also refers to God as his fortress. Webster describes a fortress as “a place with strong walls for defending against an enemy.” How well David understood the protection of the Lord. Many times it was God who delivered David from Saul and many of his other enemies. Like David, we too are under our heavenly Father’s care and protection. How often the enemy, Satan, would have destroyed us if God had not stopped him in his tracks.

We need the stability of the rock and the protection of the fortress in our lives. The Devil’s strategy is no match for the presence of our God Jehovah. May we be wise enough not to wander far from the fortress of the Lord. Though we may have to go beyond our comfort zone to do the work of our Lord, let us return daily to the fortress of His love and care.

There may be times when the enemy catches us outside the fortress; but fear not. When we cannot seem to get back to the fortress, the fortress can come to us. David said of God, “He is my deliverer.” When it’s God to the rescue, then it’s look out devil. Never allow guilt or shame to keep you from crying out to God. As quick as the light, He is, and deliverance can be there to help us. His eye is ever upon us, and His heart is ever toward us. Speak His name, and He will be there instantly.

When it comes to salvation, God has the market cornered on that one. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! Oh precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow. No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus. God, through Jesus, is our salvation. This would be a real good place to stop and give God some praise and glory!

David goes on to say that God is his high tower. In Judges 9:50-55, we find a very exciting revelation of what purpose a high tower serves. This wicked King Abimelech was warring against the inhabitants of the city of Thebez. Verse 51 says, “But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.” This tower was a place of escape and protection as is our God. The way into the tower was a door which is symbolic of Jesus being our way to God.

Once in the tower, one goes to the top thus rising above the enemy. When we hide in God, He will give us what we need to defeat our enemy if we will trust Him. In verse 53, a woman dropped a millstone on the head of Abimelech and broke his skull thus defeating the enemy. As Abimelech pressed against the door, so Satan may try to come against Christ but to no avail. Jesus is the door that allows us into the presence (high tower) of God.

God expects us to fight the good fight of faith as mentioned by Paul. But there will be time when we must run into the presence of God for protection and to regroup. We are equipped through the Word and by the Holy Spirit to win many battles, but some battles we will only win with God alone fighting for us. God will never allow more on us than we are able to bear. He also wants us to be ever trusting and depending on Him for our strength and guidance. If our tower is not in place before the enemy shows up, we will lose the battle.

With all of this in mind, praise the Lord for who He is and all He has done. Thank you, Lord, that you are truly our Rock, Fortress, Deliverer, Salvation, and Strong High Tower!