

# *Is There A Rock In Your Life?*

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2 Samuel 22:1-3 And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: And he 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.

2 Samuel 22:47 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

Psalm 18:2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalm 18:46 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Psalm 28:1 A Psalm of David. Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Psalm 31:3 For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Psalm 42:9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

Psalm 62:2 He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved. (repeated exactly in Psalm 62:6)

Psalm 71:3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

Psalm 92:15 To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Matthew 7:24-25 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

I. The true follower of Christ can be identified by the fact that there is something in him that is firm, steadfast, and unshakeable.

A. On Christ the solid Rock I stand...Rock of Ages...

1 Corinthians 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

B. We can detect in one another if we look for it.

1. It is not determination, stubbornness, or self-will.

- 2. It is not zeal or a desire to out-shine others in our testimony.
- 3. It is not blind faith, or what some would call brainwashing.
- C. It is that unshakable, unchanging, confidence in Christ and his promises.
- D. It is that peaceful assurance that He is mine and I am his.
- E. It is that firmness that is not of our own making, or thinking, or imagining.
- F. It is that about you which leaves others completely convinced that you are forever Christ's and will never be anything else again.

Psalm 105:18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: (Joseph-the iron entered his soul)

- G. There are a lot of people who do not show any evidence of this quality – as a matter of fact, most of those who are churchgoers do not have that rock quality in their life, their testimony, or their character.
  - H. They may give a good verbal testimony, live as clean as can be, do everything that is expected of a Christian, but lack that firm foundation in their soul.
  - I. But the rains come and the wind blows and beats on their house and the lack of a solid foundation is revealed when the house falls.
  - J. Those who are standing on Christ the Rock also experience the rain, the winds, and their house is beat upon, but their house stands and does not fall.
- II. Rock is not good to plant seeds on, but it is good to build upon.
- A. Anything will easily sprout and flourish in dirt and sand, especially worthless things like weeds, briars, and beggar lice.
  - B. If a seed can find a crack in a rock it may sprout and live for a short time, but it will not be a long before it dries up and dies for lack of sustenance.
  - C. If Christ is the Rock in your life other seeds may spring up now and then but they cannot survive in solid Rock.
    - 1. Seeds of worldliness and covetousness.
    - 2. Seeds of false doctrines and philosophies.
    - 3. Seeds of lust and sin.
    - 4. These cannot survive if the ground they have landed on is the Rock.

1 Peter 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Romans 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

- D. Do not allow dirty places in your life; places where bad seeds can sprout and get a hold.
- III. This fact that Christ is our Rock which our life rests upon is a stumbling block to those who refuse to obey.

1 Peter 2:7-8 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

Colossians 3:3-4 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

- A. They cannot believe that anyone can be so sure of their acceptance in Christ.

- B. Assurance does not come without the yielding of the life, the will, the heart and mind to Christ.
- C. Those who refuse to obey do so because they refuse to completely trust Christ with their life here and their eternity forever.
- D. They are holding back because they have desires and things they want to do that they do not want to give up.
- E. They are trying to juggle both worlds and have it both ways, while reserving for themselves the right to do those things they still have their heart set on.

James 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

- F. Therefore they do not have that rock solid stability in their soul that others perceive as part of their testimony.
- G. Solution: give it all to Jesus and give up on yourself and the world.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Psalm 144:1-2 A Psalm of David. Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight: My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

My hope is built on nothing less  
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
 I rest on His unchanging grace;  
 In every high and stormy gale,  
 My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
 Support me in the whelming flood;  
 When all around my soul gives way,  
 He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
 Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
 Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
 Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain:  
 On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
 All other ground is sinking sand,  
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