

The Rock of All Comforts

“The Lord is my Rock” (Psalms 62:2)

David went through a prolong season of struggles and trials: unrest, uncertainty and turmoil. In the wilderness, the big boulder rock often acts as a shade, shelter and refuge from the heat of the sun. The king pictured his Lord as the gigantic rock who is steadfastly stable, reliable and dependable. God cannot be moved by the sways of circumstances.

In this Psalms, David tells us 4 different ways in which he experienced God is a Rock: He is a Rock of Salvation, a Rock of Refuge, a Rock of Provision and a Rock of Hope.

Rock of Salvation (v 2)

David knew he was a sinner. He knew first-hand about the inherent evil that lives within every person. He knew no sin is so great that is greater than God’s loving capacity to forgive. His great sin of adultery with Bathsheba was forgiven. This Rock is every willing to pardon all our known sins.

Rock of Refuge (v 7)

Second, David experienced God as a Rock of refuge during the many troubles and storms of life. Men seek to overthrow David. They think he is a weak and vulnerable as a leaning wall or a tottering fence that can be easily topple over. God kept David from imminent damages throughout his life: bear, lion, Goliath, Saul and Absalom. No matter what happens, no matter how many enemies plotted to attack him, no matter how many storms break over him, God keeps David safe.

Rock of Provision (v 8,10)

God was the source of his sustenance in the harsh wilderness. Remember the time David and his men are in the desert. They are hungry and God feeds them through Abigail, the wife of Nabal (1 Sam 25). Another time David is fleeing from Saul; he is without food or weapons. The Lord provides for his needs through the priest Ahimelech (1 Sam 21). During the 40 years wilderness journey, God was the Rock of provision for Israel; plenty of manna and water from the Rock.

Rock of Hope (v 5)

David had many low periods, dark times, in which all seemed lost and doom. He felt overwhelmed by circumstances and events. Think of the time he counts the fighting men of Israel and 70,000 died of plague (2 Sam 24). Think of the time a baby boy dies as a punishment for David’s sins (2 Sam 12). Think of David’s grief over death of Absalom (2 Sam 18). Think of how his own wife despises and rejects him because he is too excited about the things of the Lord (2 Sam 5).

During those low moments, David discovers that God is absolutely trustworthy and reliable. In Him, we can trust. On Him we can depend. In our personal trials, we can rely on God, our faithful Rock who will never abandon His people but rather stretching forth His merciful arm to sustain our faith and hope.