God Is Our Rock

Tony Mauck · 2 Samuel 22:1–51

INTRODUCTION

- I'm learning some valuable things about my walk with God. And I feel compelled to tell a younger generation about some things that I've missed.
- I will not apologize for an overriding emphasis on the character and person of God. Because I believe it may be one of the most neglected things that I've seen.

1 God Is Constantly Compared to Rock

Deuteronomy 32:3–4; 1 Samuel 2:2; Isaiah 44:8

- Nothing says strong like a rock. And throughout Scripture, God is constantly compared to rock.
- Over thirty-five times in the Old Testament, twenty-four times in the Psalms alone. God is a rock.
- There is no one holy like the Lord. Indeed, there is no one beside you, nor is there any rock like our God.
- There is no rock like our Savior Jesus Christ. There is no other comparable to our God.

2 The Lord Is My Rock

2 Samuel 22:1–4; 2 Samuel 22:32; Psalm 18

- The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer. My God is my rock.
- This is the guy who took down the champion of the Philistines, Goliath, and yet he knew where his strength derived, he knew that God was his rock.
- Who is the rock except our God? The Lord lives. Praise be to my rock. Exalted be my God. The rock my Savior. Is God indeed your rock?

3 You Pretty Much Decide What You Get from Him

2 Samuel 22:26–28; 3 John 9

- To the faithful, you show yourself faithful. To the blameless, you show yourself blameless.
- You pretty much decide what you get from Him.
- But you try to manipulate God. You try to put one over on him. You reject or ignore him. You're not going to like what you get in return.
- Don't put God in a box. He's too big. He's too great. He's too good for a box.
- But he will not push you against your will. The choice is completely yours.

4 He Makes My Ways Perfect

2 Samuel 22:29–35

- He shields all who take refuge in him. He trains my hands for battle.

- He makes my ways perfect. He equips and elevates my life.
- He trains us for spiritual battle. It is by the spirit that we put to death the deeds of the flesh.
- God can take the mess of our past and turn it into something beautiful and good and productive and helpful and impact the lives of many others.

5 Admiration and Gratitude Lead Naturally to Praise

2 Samuel 22:50

- We need to spend time, particularly in the Psalms of David, to notice how much he adored God. How much he depended upon God.
- Therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the nations.
- David's worship unto God was voluntary, flowing from a willing heart.
- God is not greatly impressed with a coerced service. God will not push you to praise him.

6 Our Rock Provides Water

Revelation 22:17; Revelation 22:11

- Water flowed from rocks, did it not? God, our rock, quenches our thirst.
- Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.
- It's yours for the taking. You don't need a large bank account. You don't need talent.
- If you're of a bent to do a certain thing, it's up to you. I won't push you against your will. It's completely your choice.

THE CHALLENGE

Where are you in your walk with God? Are you? Are you relying on the rock? Is there someone in this audience this morning who desperately needs to start drinking from the rock?

MY NOTES