Honey From a Rock

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INTRODUCTION

- I think there are fewer people responding than in times past.
- They fail to see or appreciate the absolutely calamitous, dreadful situation in which they reside if they are without the Lord.
- Not only do they not know where they're sitting, they don't know what's being offered to them.

1 Open Your Mouth Wide, and I Will Fill It

Psalm 81:10; Psalm 37:4; Psalm 37:11–13

- One of the things people don't see is the plenteous provision that God promises to his covenant people.
- God is always saying, Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it to his covenant people.
- Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- If you find yourself against God, against his will, against his people, your day is coming.

2 Promises of Abundance Go Much Deeper

Ephesians 5:18; Matthew 5:5; 1 Corinthians 3:21

- God fills us as his people. God abundantly satisfies us. Especially if we would choose to be filled with his spirit, as we read in Ephesians chapter 5 and verse 18.
- The promises of abundance do not begin and end with material things. They go much deeper and much further to the filling of a man's soul and heart.
- Blessed are the meek or the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.
- All things belong to you, and you belong to God. Plentious provision promised.
- God promises better times after the locust plague.

3 Honey From a Rock

Psalm 81:16

- Psalm 81 is talking about something more than physical blessing.
- That means the devil's winning. Because he doesn't want you to see this. Or value this.
- He can bring anything out of a rock he wants to. He's God.
- God can provide whatever he wants. He's saying I can bring awesome things from things that are not generally noted for those things.

4 Strong, Silly Stubbornness

Isaiah 53:6; John 10; Romans 1

- They need a shepherd to guide them and protect them because so often they make silly decisions. Israel so often did it, and don't think that Christians today don't do it.
- I am the good shepherd. I lay down my life for the sheep. I know my own, and my own know me. And my sheep listen to my voice.
- So he says, I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart to walk in their own devices. That's our culture.
- If you reject him, he'll let you have what you want. He'll give you over.
- If you persist in your strong, silly stubbornness, he'll let you have it. To your own detriment.

5 God Sees Right Through the Mask

Genesis 16; Psalm 81:15

- God sees right through the mask. Pretense doesn't work with him.
- He is El Roe, the God that sees.
- God saw her and her affliction and pain.
- He sees the genuine believer who is hurting and beleaguered. But know this. He sees the pretender. He sees the defiant.
- You're wearing a mask. Better drop it. Because God's not impressed with masks.

THE CHALLENGE

He is your God, whether you acknowledge it or not. But you better acknowledge it while there's time.

MY NOTES