Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me (Deuteronomy 3:4)

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INTRODUCTION

- Rock of Ages cleft for me. Has it indeed been a place to which you have come?
- Moses was in that special place. The cleft of the rock, covered by the hand of God so that he could see a portion of God's glory as it passed by.

1 The Rock: His Work Is Perfect

Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 61:2; Isaiah 44:8

- The rock. His work is perfect. For all his ways are just. A God of faithfulness.
- The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge.
- No matter where we are, we can call to the rock.
- And they remembered that God was their rock. And the Most High God their Redeemer. Maybe someone is here today who needs to remember the same.
- Is there any God besides me, or is there any other rock? And I love this. I know of none.

2 Jesus And His Words Are Our Rock

Matthew 7:24

- Rock speaks to solidity, stability, security, strength, and sturdiness.
- We're going to accept comfort over rock.
- Rock is what issues from God. And what is true and reliable.
- Jesus and his words are our rock.
- The one who hears these words and sayings of mine is the one who builds his house upon the rock.

3 The Rock Is There To Help You Win

- What does this imagery do for us in regard to motivation for right choices in the face of Satan's tantalizing offers?
- The point of Jesus being our rock is that He has provided what we need in His teaching and in His sacrifice.
- There is only one person who says, you can't win, and that's not us. That's the devil.
- The great deterrent to success is twofold. Insufficient effort, and a failure to rely upon the king for victory.
- It will not be mastered without persistence. You must stay at it.

4 The Double Cure: He Saves Us From Wrath

- What does the rock of ages do? Two things, the double cure. Number one, he saves us from wrath.
- I really fear that we are not as motivated by the wrath of God as we need to be.
- Thankfully, we have not been destined to wrath. But the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.
- You embrace the rock, you come to Christ, and you build your life on Him. You are being saved from the wrath of God.

5 The Second Part Of The Cure: It Makes Me Pure

Matthew 7:24–27

- The second part of the cure is that it makes me pure. Coming to the rock. Removes the awful weight of sin.
- Number one, fill your mind with godly wisdom.
- Number two, fill your time with godly people. We need influences in our lives that are going to help us to turn and rely upon the rock.
- There are some tempests in our lives. There are challenges, there are hardships, there are the rains that fall and the floods that come.
- And finally, we need to fill our lives with godly action.

THE CHALLENGE

Is Jesus your rock? Your salvation. Embrace it. Embrace him with urgency and great joy.

MY NOTES