

God the Rock Makes Us Righteous in Christ

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2 Samuel 22:1-51 - part 3

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Introduction

- This song is David's reflections. Similar to Psalm 18, maybe this was draft
- First week we saw how "God the Rock is Mighty to Save" in other words, 'God has redeemed His people and He will not abandon His promises'
- Second week we saw how "God the Rock Makes Us Mighty to Serve Him", what a privilege – we "get" to serve King Jesus for His glory!
- But in this chapter David claims to be blameless or guiltless²⁴
- How can that be... we know him to be an adulterer and murderer^{25:11}

God the Rock is a Covenant Keeping God

- David is describing himself in terms of God's covenant faithfulness
- God made an eternal covenant with David^{257:8-13}
- David understood that God was merciful and just and holy^{Ps7:8,12}
- Repentance is vital to restore the terms of the covenant
- Abraham was counted as righteous before God^{Abraham believed the Lord Gen15:6}
- Paul clarifies for us Romans 4:1-8 - we can be counted as righteous by faith
- Paul uses Abraham and David as examples of being justified by faith alone
- So David is claiming to be sinless, but to be forgiven by God
- After David's sin^{2512:7} he repented^{257:13} and the Lord put away his sin^{257:13}
- THAT is why David cry *my God, my Rock, in whom I take refuge*^{2522:3}
- So *the Lord is my Rock* is KEY! Let's look at these pictures:

The Rock of Escape

- David^{1523:25ff} is running from Saul and goes down to the rock^{1523:25}
- Saul pursues him and closes in on David^{1523:26} around the mountain...
- God calls Saul away^{1523:27} and David is delivered
- David calls it the Rock of Escape^{1523:28}

The Rock of Christ

- David knew Moses' words and song^{De32} & Israel's history before God
- Moses uses same term *Rock*^{De32:4,15,18,30,31,36,37} as David *my God, my Rock*^{2522:3}
- Moses called by God to rescue God's people out of bondage^{Ex14} thru Red Sea
- Very quickly people were grumbling^{Ex15:24;16:2;17:2}
- God then arranges a courtroom because Israelites want a trial^{Ex17:3-4}
- Israel's representatives on one side^{Ex17:5}
- God stands on Rock on other side^{Ex17:6}
- Moses instructed to strike the Rock^{Ex17:6}
- Moses brings down rod of judgement^{Ex17:5} used to judge the Egyptians
- God takes punishment; people get water to quench their thirst^{Ex17:6}
- Paul affirms this narrative points us to Christ at the Cross^{1Cor10:4}
- We all deserve death^{Rom6:23}; Christ took rod of judgement for us at the Cross!
- Moses calls God *the Rock*^{De32:4}; David sings *my Rock, in whom I take refuge*^{2522:3}
- Rest in the Rock of Christ – a refuge for sinners who repent!