

Psalm 39:12 "Hear my prayer, O Lord... for I am a "pilgrim" with You..."

Uncertain Times

But were the times ever certain? NOT! Yet, the *seeming predictability* of life may have lulled us into thinking they were. But the global economic downturn, a new president soon to take office, on-going wars, and more all combine to remind us that we have *always been utterly and completely dependent on our God*. Soō . let's take heart and embrace these events *tailor made to teach us to trust THE ROCK!*

Moses, David, Isaiah and other prophets often referred to **God as their Rock**. Makes sense when you consider they climbed rocks, hid in rocks, threw rocks, struck rocks, stood on rocks, were tucked into cracks in the rocks and more.

I have discovered at least three aspects of **GOD AS MY ROCK** to be found in the Word. Rejoice with me as you considerō **First, God is the Rock of my Stability. HE IS ROCK SOLID AND I STAND FIRM ON HIM.** He is the unmovable, unchanging foundation on which I stand. This gives me confidence as my faith rests on MY ROCK!

%How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lordō +

Isaiah 26:3-4; Psalm 62; Psalm 27:5 God our stability as foundation

Second, God is the Rock of my security. HE IS ROCK HARD AND I HIDE SAFELY IN HIM. He is the impenetrable wall that repels every arrow and spear, blunts every sword, and shields me from every eye that would look upon me for evil.

%How safe to the ROCK that is higher than I, my soul in its conflict for refuge would flyō +

Isaiah 17:10; Psalm 94:22; Psalm 71:3; Psalm 31 God our security as fortress

Third, God is the Rock of my serenity. HE IS ROCK COOL AND I SIT RESTFULLY UNDER HIM. He is the source of shade, water, coolness, rest and renewal from the brutal heat of the desert sun and sand.

%How Jesus is a ROCK in a weary landō %o

I Corinthians 10:4; Psalm 95; Psalm 61:2; Psalm 42 God our supply as refreshment

All three aspects are found in Psalm 18 and Psalm 62. These songs are rich in imagery; full of truth to be embraced.

No matter what changes, our ROCK never changes

Daniel 2:34-ff "You watched while **a stone was cut out without hands**, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and **broke them in pieces**. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were **crushed together**, and **became like chaff** from the summer threshing floors; **the wind carried them away** so that **no trace of them was found**. And **the stone** that struck the image **became a great mountain and filled the whole earth**."

(Daniel goes on to explain the dream and then gets to the Rock cut out without hands...)

44 "And in the days of these kings **the God of heaven will set up a kingdom** which shall **never be destroyed**; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; **it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms**, and **it shall stand forever**. **He is the Rock cut out without hands...**"

Cut out without handsō Divine design, without human help,

Filled the whole earthō Impossible to stop

Shall stand foreverō Changeless, deathless, ageless, enduring

GLORY BE TO GOD MY ROCK!

Self Check Questions

1. Have recent events shaken my faith and caused me to fear and doubt? Or has my faith shaped my view of recent events?
2. What aspect of GOD AS MY ROCK is most needful for my heart today? Why?
3. How have recent worldwide concerns paved a platform for my witness as a confident follower of The Rock?

A story... 20 years ago, one of my special, elderly friends was diagnosed with terminal, late stage cancer. I had just visited her in the hospital that morning, just before the test that confirmed her days on earth were few. A phone call let me know the results and immediately I returned to the hospital. *What do you say to someone in this situation?* She was a rock-solid believer who had made a tremendous impact on our church for decades. The only thought that kept coming back to me wasō **"Nothing really changed!"** This was a special lady, as was our relationship. It just seemed of the Lord to say it. As I walked into the room, she looked up at me with her bright eyes and I said, slowly and gentlyō **"Well Lois, nothing really changed."** And with quiet confidence she immediately replied: **"Nothing that matters! Heaven is still my home. God is still my Father!"** To this day I still see her face and hear those words from the lips of this woman who found her place on THE ROCK.

%Lord, nothing really changed. Nothing that matters. Remind me of this most blessed of truths as I walk into the future with You! In the name of Jesus Christō the sameō yesterdayō todayō forever. Amen+

Remember, you are very special to us and we pray for you continually. Living with leaving in view.... Jn 9:4 Ron & Val

Seeing The Invisible, embracing The Unapproachable, declaring The Unexplainable, changed by The Immutable, running after The Irresistible with inexhaustible joy in our inexpressible sorrows, spending our time on eternity, owning nothing yet possessing everything that matters and lasts. We are Pilgrims in Paradox. Welcome to THE JOURNEY.