

Jesus is - The Rock
2Sam.22:2-3; 1Cor.10:1-4
2-17-2019

1Sam.2:2 "There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. (for further reading see Deut.31:1-32:47)

There is no Rock like our God! Amen! How is Jesus "The Rock"? We see multiple references in the OT that refers to the God of Israel as being "The Rock" (Deut.32:3-4, 18, 30-31; 1Sam.2:2; 2Sam.22:2-3, 32, 47; 2Sam.23:2-4; Ps.18:2 and more) The Lord is my Rock God! (The God who is my Rock!)

Sadly my sense of a rock is one that I can pick up and move around, this is not the kind of rock that is being portrayed here. (We do tend to think of God in too small a sense at times don't we?) The God of all creation is not a movable stone but rather an immovable mountain. He is a rock that only He Himself can pick up or move. (2Sam.22:1-4)

There is no force in all creation that can move Him; that is who our God is but is this Rock Jesus? Yes! It does seem that Paul is connecting to the rock where waters were supplied. (Ex.17:6) Reasonable to do so! We do understand that the rock was not god nor was it magical in nature. It was

the God who stood upon the Rock that brought forth the water. (Three times God abundantly supplied their water: Ex.17:6; Num.20:11 and Num.21:16) Paul does not just see the water, his picture of Jesus as the supplier of food, water and so much more. (1Cor.10:1-4)

Jesus was not the literal rock but rather He was the Rock of supply and the source of their continual sustenance. Paul is of course alluding to something far more than just water. Without water we perish, likewise without God. Without food we may linger longer but we perish none the less, likewise we perish without the sustaining God.

Paul is right to see Jesus, the eternal God, who is Creator of all things, as being the unmovable Rock, and ever present help. (1Cor.10:1-11) The Rock is our sustainer and deliverer. The Rock is also the stone of stumbling. To some Jesus is one thing and to another something else. (1Pt.2:1-10)

Jesus is the unmovable Rock, the very corner stone from which the Church takes its direction. We however are movable stones. We take our shape and form and place at His bidding. He is the master builder and it is to Him that we must look for acceptance and sustenance and belonging and purpose for He is our Lord and God, the Rock of our salvation. (2Sam.22:2-4) Our sure foundation!