4WS ANEW Starting Right by Knowing God

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WORSHIP

God My Rock, Solid Ground, In Christ Alone

WELCOME

What words would you use to describe a rock? How important are rocks in everyday life?

WORD

READ IT!

DEUTERONOMY 32:3-4

³ For I proclaim the name of the LORD; Ascribe greatness to our God! ⁴ The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and just is He.

READ Deuteronomy 31:28-30; 32:1-52 for context

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- · What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- · What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about following God?
- How will your prayer life be affected if you knew that God is our Rock?

POINT IT OUT!

"The Rock" is a vivid description or name of God in the Bible. It is so descriptive that it was something familiar and understandable to people in Old Testament times; it is also meaningful for us today.

1. HIS WORTH

Moses **proclaims** the name of the LORD—the personal name of the God, the supreme moral being, the relational and promise-keeping God.; **ascribing** (give what is due) greatness to **God the Rock** [tzur (tsoor), Hebrew] (**Deuteronomy 32:3**).

- Places of REFUGE. Mountains of rock were excellent places to build fortresses or refuge. Furthermore, you can expect a mountain to remain where it is for years, decades, and even centuries.
- Places of BEAUTY. They can also exhibit some of the most beautiful patterns. We see beautiful patterns of who God is.

2. HIS WORK

- God's work (activity or conduct) is perfect (complete, blameless, without blemish). Meaning, in all God does, His purpose and outcome are perfect (Deuteronomy 32:4)
- When a person truly believes in Jesus as his Lord and Savior, God starts to do a good work in that person's life and that God will complete that work. He oftentimes allows trials to complete that work in us with the end goal to make us more like Jesus (Philippians 1:6; James 1:2-4; Romans 8:29).

3. HIS WAYS

Moses goes on to say that all **His ways** are **just** (without injustice, righteous, just). "Ways" is similar to works but it also means direction or journey. In whatever direction God takes us on life's journey, His ways are just. He is never unjust because nothing escapes his judgment. He is a perfect judge and He has our best interest in mind.



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WORD -

- God does not forget our work. He is a rewarder. In His own time and way, we will experience God's blessing and reward (Hebrews 6:10).
- God is a God of perfect justice; He cannot be mocked. No one can get away with God (**Galatians 6:7**).
- God hates sin and sin has a penalty that must be paid.
 God's justice requires satisfaction. We are unable to satisfy that through our own effort, so God provided the only acceptable substitute—His own Son, Jesus.
 God's ways are just. His justice was completely satisfied through the sacrifice of Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- We also find that all His ways are faithful. Faithfulness means steadfastness or fidelity. Joshua made a testimony of God's faithfulness before he died God keeps His promises (Joshua 23:14).

How do we express our trust in God the Rock? It all begins with prayer!

• HIS WORTH: ADORATION (prayers of worship)
Psalm 62:1-2, 6-8

• HIS WORK: THANKSGIVING (prayers of acknowledging blessing)
Psalm 95:1-3; Psalm 18:1-2,46

 HIS WAYS: <u>SUPPLICATION</u> (prayers of petition)
 Psalm 28:1-2; Psalm 31:1-3

• HIS WARNINGS: <u>CONFESSION</u> (prayers of repentance over sin) Psalm 51:1,4

4. HIS WARNINGS

We should also listen to God the Rock in terms of His warnings. If we are not careful, we will rely on our own abilities, be confident only in ourselves, ignore God's warnings, and drift away from him. This is where a time of confession comes in (**Deuteronomy 32:15,18**).

- Jesus spoke of himself as the chief cornerstone who was rejected (Matthew 21:42). We need Jesus as the cornerstone of our lives; to trust him as our foundation. Without him, our lives will eventually fall apart.
- Jesus was a choice stone; God chose to send His son to die for us. The precious blood of Jesus paid for our sins. Our decision to put our trust in Jesus as the Rock of our Salvation is the most important decision we could ever make, and one that we will never regret (1 Peter 2:6)!

WORKS APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on God's name: YAHWEH TSURI, write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make this your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple

Measurable

Appropriate

Realistic

Time-bound

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SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray that people will cling to Jesus as their Rock of Salvation. Take time to pray or intercede for someone this coming week of Prayer and Fasting. Proclaim to the world that Jesus is the Rock of our Salvation.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

Upright and moral governance of Public Servants A God-centered Philippines Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

Worship and Training Center Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

Deeper intimate relationship with God Righteous living Salvation of family and friends

