

"Their rock is not as our Rock"

Text: Deut. 32:4,31.

- **Intro: A.** In Chapter 32 of Deuteronomy, Moses is dealing specifically with differences between the God of Israel and the gods of the people in the land in which they dwell, and gods of the people whose land they come through, and of course, the gods of Egypt, as well.
 - He makes the statement "Their **rock** (or their god) is not as our **Rock** (our God) even our enemies being judges (being able to tell the difference).
 - Notice how one rock "r" is lower case and the other Rock "R", is upper case or capitalized.
 - Scriptures making a difference on purpose.
 - The Rock is the "Rock", the Lord, God and the other "rock", is a cheap imitation.
 - What applied to the children of Israel applies to the children of God, the Christians, today.
 - You see Jesus Christ, claimed to be the Jehovah, God of the Old Testament.
 - **SEE John 8:53-58 compare with Exodus 3:14. "I AM" of O.T.**
 - Paul the Apostle, specifically identifies the "Rock" of the Old Testament. - **SEE I COR. 10:1-4.**
 - So, today the Christian has the same "Rock" that the children of Israel had in the Old Testament.
 - And the world, today which is a type of Egypt still has the same rock, and still worships the same god as did the people of land, Israel conquered and possessed in the Old Testament.
 - The world's rock is none other than the god of this world, Satan.
 - He is transformed to look like the real thing.
 - **SEE II Cor. 11:11-15.**
- **B.** This morning we want to see why the Child of God has the real thing "the R-O-C-K", **IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

I. OUR ROCK IS THE "SMITTEN ROCK"

- See Exodus 17:1-6
- Moses smote the rock - picture of believer's salvation in this age.
- The rock, pictures Jesus Christ.
- The smiting of the rock pictures, our Lord's crucifixion.
- Moses' rod pictures, God's wrath being poured out on sin.
- II Cor. 5:21 - tells us concerning Christ:
- **"For he (God, the Father) made him (God, the Son) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."**
- I Peter 2:24 - **"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."**
- **Isaiah also speaks about the "SMITTEN SAVIOUR"**
- **SEE ISAIAH 53:4-5.**
- We see in Number Chapter 20, the children face with the problem of no water again.
- As typical of God's people who walk by sight and not by faith, the children of Israel complain to Moses.
- We see the Lord's instructions to Moses - **Nu. 20:7-8.**
- We see Moses disobedience in **Nu. 20:9-11.**
- Moses smites the rock instead of speaking to the rock as instructed by the Lord.
- We see the result of Moses disobedience - **Nu. 20:12.**
- What this pictures or is like crucifying or sacrificing Christ afresh like the Catholics do each time the mass is conducted.
- Speaking to the rock, pictures the believer in this age who comes to the Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ when he sins - for cleaning, forgiveness, sanctification, etc.
- So, Number 1, Our Rock is a Smitten Rock.

II. OUR ROCK IS THE "SOURCE ROCK":

- Because the Lord Jesus Christ is our smitten rock, He is also our source rock.
- The Source of Life.
- From his death ~~comes~~ life.

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- Each time the rock was smitten, water came from the rock.
- It provided the children of Israel, water which was essential for physical life.
- The rock was the source of water, the source of life.
- **John 4:10-14**, we have the account of Jesus speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well. - **READ.**
- **Vs 14 - "a well of water spring up into everlasting life."**
- **Our Rock is the source of everlasting life, salvation.**
- **John 1:4 - "In him was life; and the life was the light of men."**
- **I John 5:12 - "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."**
- When a person receives the "Rock" as their personal Saviour, they receive the Spirit of Life, the Holy Spirit,
- **SEE John 7:37-39**
- A person according to Ephesians 2, who was once dead in tresspasses and sins, is quickened or made alive spiritually by the Spirit of God.
- That person is born-again of the Spirit, experiences the New Birth when they receive the "Rock", the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.
- In Deuteronomy 32:18 - **"Of the Rock that begat thee..."**
- By receiving the Source Rock as personal Saviour we are begotten of God. - **SEE John 1:12-13**
- The water that comes from the "Rock" is given freely.
- **SEE REV. 22:17.**
- In Number 20:11 - When Moses smote the rock a second time we are told - **"...the water came out abundantly..."**
- No coincidence that Jesus said in John 10:10 -
- **"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."**
- This speaks of the spiritual life or fellowship one can with the Source Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- So, we ^{See} that our Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ is the Source Rock.
- All those who receive him as personal Saviour, receive everlasting life, rivers of living water - the Holy Ghost, and abundant life through fellowship with Him.

III. OUR ROCK IS THE SOLID ROCK

- Recite verse one and chorus of hymn 71, "The Solid Rock"
- He is our foundation to build upon.
- MT 16:18 - Jesus said, church was to be built upon Him.
- The rock in MT. 16:18, is the Lord Jesus Christ and not Peter.
- Roman Catholic Church uses this verse to build the papacy.
- Jesus said that the church was to be built upon Peter.
- Therefore, Peter was the first Pope.
- Meaning of Peter's name found in John 1:42 - "A Stone"
- The Body of Christ, ^{the church} the household of God is to be built upon the Lord Jesus Christ - **SEE Eph. 2:19-20.** ^{our service}
- The Lord Jesus Christ is our foundation to build upon as Christians. - **SEE I Cor. 3:10-15.**
- The Lord Jesus Christ is the Solid Rock.
- He is our corner stone.
- He became the corner stone of the church, the body of Christ because the nation of Israel (the builders) rejected him at the first coming.
- In this age he has become the head of the corner.
- He calling himself out in this age a bride made up of Jew and Gentile in one body who have trusted in his shed blood and plus or minus nothing else to save them.
- To the Christian our Rock is the Smitten Rock, the Source Rock (**I am the way, the truth, and the life**), and the Solid Rock, our foundation on which to build upon and ^{our} faith stands upon.
- The most important thing for you and I to understand is that unless we build our lives on the person of the Lord Jesus Christ,
- I don't care what else you build it on - family, prestige, business - I don't care what else you build it on, if you don't build it on the person of Jesus Christ,
- The time will come when it will fall out from under you.
- Absolutely nothing will mean anything to you unless you build your life on the person of Christ.

IV. THEIR ROCK: (UNSAVED)

- To the unsaved our rock is according to I Peter 2:8,
- A "stone of stumbling", A "rock of offense"
- See MT. 21:42-44 - if fall on stone - saved *V 43 nation 2:9 I Peter 2:9*
- If don't fall on stone destroyed
- Because their rock is not as our rock.
- The preaching of our rock is foolishness to them that perish. *Church*
- Their rock is called evolution. - explain *- philosophy man evolving getting better*
- Their rock is called psychotherapy, self-help groups. - explain *getting better*
- Their rock is called situation ethics.
 - something for one person is bad for another it is good.
 - don't judge - put your values on other.
- Their rock is called if it feels good do it.
- Their rock is social security.
- Their rock is the U.S. Welfare System.
- Their rock is atheism.
- Their rock is AA
- What has their rock reaped?
 - Abortions
 - Teen pregnancy
 - suicide
 - aids
 - hopelessness
 - divorce
 - domestic violence
 - homosexuality
 - drugs
 - murder
 - *death*
 - *lake of fire, for eternity*
- What our rock reaped?
 - a joy unspeakable and full of glory
 - a peace that passeth all understanding
 - II Cor. 5:17 - new creature, changed lives
 - newness of life - see Rom. 6:4-6
 - II Tim 1:7 - quote

- Freedom from the bondage of sin
- The power to overcome sin.

• *life everlasting*

CONCLUSION:

- Jesus summed it up in MT. 7;24-27
- Their rock is sinking sand
- Our Rock is the Smitten Rock, the Source Rock, and the Solid Rock.
- They stand on all other ground - which is sinking sand
- We stand on Christ, the Solid Rock
- Which Rock will you choose?

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