



Phil. 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,  
**and given him a name which is above every name:**

10 That at **the name of Jesus** every knee should bow,  
of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things*  
under the earth;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus  
Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psa. 9:10 **And they that know thy name will put their  
trust in thee:** for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them  
that seek thee.

This evening we continue studying the names of the Lord Jesus Christ found throughout the Word of God. We will see how the various names are descriptive terms describing various characteristics of the Lord Jesus.

Rocks are commonly divided into three major classes according to the processes that resulted in their formation. These classes are as follows:

- (1) igneous rocks, which have solidified from molten material called magma;
- (2) sedimentary rocks, those consisting of fragments derived from preexisting rocks or of materials precipitated from solutions; and
- (3) metamorphic rocks, which have been derived from either igneous or sedimentary rocks under conditions that caused changes in mineralogical composition, texture, and internal structure.

These three classes, in turn, are subdivided into numerous groups and types on the basis of various factors, the most important of which are chemical, mineralogical, and textural attributes.

<https://www.britannica.com/science/rock-geology>

**Original Word:** צור

**Transliteration:** tsur

**Definition:** rock, cliff

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/6697.htm>

The Hebrew word for "Rock" indicates firmness, stability, and faithfulness. In the wise and foolish builders, Christ describes two categories in illustrating the building of a house. Both houses appear equally attractive and substantial, but their comparative stability differs greatly. In their construction, the materials and labor used were similar, and both houses appeared upright, solid, and sound. Many times, seemingly good people who are unspiritual seem to build their lives well and wisely in terms of money, material possessions, and friends. All these things seem good to the human mind, but their end can be disastrous without a Rock foundation.

The term or phrase “the rock” is more than just a word that describes an earthly element. It is typically about a Person and more often than not, it describes Jesus Christ and you see this symbolism in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament when referring to either Jesus Christ or God in general. The word “rock” is used 142 times in 128 verses in the Bible but it is more often a reference to God than any other instance.

[https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=rock%2A&t=KJV#s=s\\_primary\\_0\\_1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=rock%2A&t=KJV#s=s_primary_0_1)

❖ We began with “The Advocate,” followed by “I Am,” Zachariah – “The God Who Remembers,” “the Creator,” and “Immanuel – God with us.” Last week we considered “The Water of Life.” Tonight, we look at...

“The Rock”

# I. THE PROVISION BY THE ROCK

## A. The Rock Was Smitten

Ex. 17:6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and **thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink.** And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Isa. 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, **smitten of God**, and afflicted.

❖ The Lord Jesus Christ was “smitten of God” for our sins.

2 Cor. 5:21 For **he hath made him *to be sin for us, who knew no sin***; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

## B. The Rock is the Savior

1 Cor. 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ.**

❖ The Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the only Provision for Salvation.

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

## II. THE PROTECTION BY THE ROCK

A. The Rock Protects us by His Power

Psa. 18:2 **The LORD is my rock**, and **my fortress**, and **my deliverer**; **my God, my strength**, in whom I will trust; **my buckler**, and the horn of my salvation, *and my high tower.* ...

31 For who *is* God save the LORD? or **who is a rock save our God?** ...

46 The LORD liveth; and **blessed be my rock**; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

(2 Sam. 22:2-3, 32, 47)

Psa 62:2 **He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence;** I shall not be greatly moved. ...

6 **He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence;** I shall not be moved.

7 **In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.**

## B. The Rock Protects us by His Presence

Psa 31:2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: **be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.**

3 For **thou art my rock** and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Psa. 46:1 **God is our refuge** and strength, **a very present help in trouble.** ...

11 **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.** Selah.

### III. THE PROMISE OF THE ROCK

#### A. The Foundation of the Church

Mt. 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

❖ First we will consider the example from Greek:

## ΚΑΤΑ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΝ 16:18 Greek NT: Scrivener's Textus Receptus 1894

κἀγὼ δέ σοι λέγω, ὅτι σὺ εἶ **Πέτρος**, καὶ ἐπὶ ταύτῃ τῇ  
**πέτρᾳ** οἰκοδομήσω μου τὴν ἐκκλησίαν, καὶ πύλαι  
ἄδου οὐ κατισχύσουσιν αὐτῆς.

<https://biblehub.com/text/matthew/16-18.htm>

**Original Word:** Πέτρος

**Transliteration:** Petros

**Definition:** "a stone" or "a boulder", Peter, one of the twelve apostles

**Usage:** Peter, a Greek name meaning rock.

*Pétros* – properly, a stone (pebble), such as a small rock found along a pathway. ***Pétros* ("small stone") then stands in contrast to *pétra* ("cliff, boulder," *Abbott-Smith*).**

(*Pétros*) is an isolated rock and (*pétra*) is a cliff" (*TDNT*, 3, 100). ***Pétros*) always means a stone . . . such as a man may throw, . . . versus (*pétra*), a projecting rock, cliff"** (S. Zodhiates, *Dict*).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4074.htm>

**Original Word:** πέτρα

**Transliteration:** petra

**Definition:** a (large mass of) rock

**Usage:** a **rock**, ledge, cliff, cave, stony ground.

*pétra* – "**a mass of connected rock,**" which is distinct from **(Pétros) which is "a detached stone or boulder"** (A-

S). (*pétra*) is a "solid or native rock, rising up through the earth" (Souter) – a *huge mass of rock (a boulder)*, such as a *projecting cliff*.

4073 (*petra*) is "a

projecting *rock, cliff (feminine noun)* . . . 4074 (*petros*, the *masculine* form) however is a *stone* . . . such as a man might throw" (S. Zodhiates, *Dict*).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4073.htm>

❖ Now we consider the example without the Greek:

Jn. 1:42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: **thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.**

**KATA ΙΩΑΝΝΗΝ 1:42 Greek NT: Scrivener's Textus Receptus 1894**

καὶ ἤγαγεν αὐτὸν πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. ἐμβλέψας δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε, Σὺ εἶ Σίμων ὁ υἱὸς Ἰωνᾶ· σὺ κληθήσῃ Κηφᾶς, ὃ ἐρμηνεύεται **Πέτρος.**

<https://biblehub.com/text/john/1-42.htm>

## B. The Foundation for Construction

Mt. 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto **a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:**

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and **it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.**

- ❖ Whether building a life, family, career, or whatever, a believer should always have the foundation built upon the Rock which is Christ!

## Conclusion

❖ Christ is the Rock.

Deut. 32:4 **He is the Rock**, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he.

❖ Some lightly esteem the Rock.

Deut. 32:15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness*; then he forsook God *which* made him, and **lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.**

❖ Some are unmindful of the Rock, and have even forgotten that He is the Creator.

Deut. 32:18 **Of the Rock *that* begat thee thou art unmindful**, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

❖ Some claim to possess the Rock, but have the wrong rock.

Deut. 32:31 For **their rock *is not as our Rock***, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.

❖ Eternity demands that each person know the identity of their Rock...

1 Sam. 2:2 *There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: **neither is there any rock like our God.***

❖ This should be everyone's prayer!

Psa. 61:2 **From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee**, when my heart is overwhelmed: **lead me to the rock that is higher than I.**