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**Lead Me
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Lead Me to the Rock that is Higher than I.

Topics.

- Principles of David's prayer.
- God the Saviour and Jesus the saviour.

PRINCIPLES OF DAVID'S PRAYER

- **Psalm 61:1-2:** Hear my (David's) cry, O God, listen to my prayer; ²from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

David does not assume God is listening to his prayer, he does not take for granted that he is worthy of any of God's blessing, but begins most of his prayers by asking God to be gracious, merciful, and forgiving toward him rather than supposing the LORD is going to be listening. Obviously, the LORD does hear everything whether we ask Him to listen or not, but in this way, David is showing the LORD courtesy and respect.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I: these words immediately take the mind of the New Testament Christian to the following conversation Jesus had with Peter. Jesus said to Peter, "Who do you say that I am," and Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," and Jesus answered him saying:

- Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matt. 16:15-18).

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The following Old Testament verses (there are many more) show that David considered God his rock and fortress the horn of his salvation and his stronghold and redeemer.

- The LORD is my (David's) rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalm 18:2).
- The LORD lives, and blessed be my (David's) rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation. (Psalm 18:46).
- He only is my (David's) rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken. (Psalm 62:2).

The following New Testament verses (there are many more) show that Jesus is the rock the Saviour and redeemer of all who believe.

- Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?" (Matt. 21:42).
- This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. (Acts 4:11).
- As it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." (Romans 9:33).
- All drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. (1 Cor. 10:4).

- For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephes. 2:20).
- For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," (1 Peter 2:6-7).

The following Old Testament verses (there are many others) show that the faithful of the Old Testament by faith foresaw the coming of the Messiah the Lord Jesus Christ the rock and Saviour of the world:

- The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (Psalm 118:22).
- Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation whoever believes will not be in haste." (Isaiah 28:16).
- From him shall come the cornerstone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler all of them together. (Zech. 10:4).

These verses are simply amazing and so exciting because they prove that the New Testament Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ did not begin with the Virgin Marys birth of Jesus, but began in the eternal mind of God who in His eternal wisdom and foreknowledge planned and purposed before the foundations of the world were set in place that His beloved Son the Lord Jesus Christ would be the Saviour of the world, and then through the ages gave the vision to the faithful prophets of the Old Testament who spoke of it by the inspiration of God's Spirit.

GOD THE SAVIOUR AND JESUS THE SAVIOUR

The fact the Scriptures refer to God and Jesus as the Saviour, has caused some to believe Jesus is God, but this is an error, and can be easily harmonised in the following way:

- God the creator of all mankind, and source of all life is the Saviour in the sense, He planned and purposed in His eternal mind, before the world began, that the path for mankind's salvation would be through faith in His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Jesus is the Saviour in the sense, He laid His life down for us, and it is through faith in him we are united to God, and saved to eternal life.

Without God eternal plan, there would be no Salvation, which means God is the saviour in that He planned and purposed mankind's salvation, but without Jesus' fulfilling His plan, and sacrificing his life on the cross of Calvary, God's plan of salvation would be left bankrupt. It is in this sense and in this way, that God and Jesus are referred to as Saviour, for they are both our Saviour, but in different ways and roles. To suppose that God the Father is Jesus the Son, and that Jesus the Son is God the Father, is a great error, for even creation itself tells us, a father cannot become the son, and a son cannot become the father, they can certainly be of one mind, and of the same perfect love, unity, plans and purposes, but they cannot be the same person, if this was the case, who is sitting at the right hand side of God?

For further information concerning the relationship between the Father and the Son, see the title:

- Trinity (The Doctrine of the Trinity).

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