

## **CHIP OFF THE OLD ROCK**

**Deu 32:18 "You neglected the Rock who begot you, And forgot the God who gave you birth."**

In this passage we see that the nation of Israel is being chided by Moses. Here he says that Israel had forgotten the Rock that begot them, and forgot the God who gave them birth. In the OT no one had the new birth, so Moses is referring to the nation as being begotten and born by Him and not to the individual people themselves. However, in the New Covenant we actually receive a new birth from God above. We are literally begotten from the Rock of Ages Himself. God has given us birth in Christ. In Genesis chapter 1 it states man was created in God's image. Adam and Eve shared God's likeness. How much more do you think we share in God's image now as children of God? One of God's eternal names in the Word of God is "the Rock". The wrestler/actor stole the name from God! We were recreated in the image of God. We were born with His image. God is called "the Rock". We are chips of the old Rock. The names of God speak of His character. God is solid and firm. He is stable and unmovable. In our recreated spirits we share the image of God. We are rock-like in our spirits. We are solid, firm, stable, and unmovable in our reborn spirits. What God is like is found within our spirit. Our soul- our mind, will, and emotions, however, have not been born again. Our souls without God's influence are very unstable, fluctuating, and moveable. Meditating on the wrong things will send our emotions into a tailspin. An unkind word from someone can rock our mental and emotional apple cart. One idea from the enemy can spin our mind off kilter. Often our souls are like waves upon the ocean of this world. There is no stability in this world. That is more and more evident each day. How can we gain stability in our hearts- our mind, emotions, and will. It will come from drawing from our spirit. God lives within

our spirit. He provides stability to our spirits. It is rock like. How can we tap into that stability? One way is to set aside time to pray in tongues. When we pray in tongues our spirit prays. We are edified- built up, strengthened- when we pray in tongues. This does not just strengthen our spirits but **we** are edified- the whole person receives this strength- spirit, soul, and body. When we pray in tongues long enough calmness and strength slowly saturates our soul and our mind settles down and a deep peace will enter us. In this peace God's speaks to us in His still small voice. The Rock imparts his strength and stability to our souls. Another way that we draw from the Rock within is to meditate on God and His rhema Word.

***Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.***

As you are praying in tongues think about God and what He has done for you. Ask Him for a scripture that He wants you to meditate on. Many times a verse will float up to your mind. Open to that verse and start to think on it and ask God to speak to you from it. You will receive strength and nourishment from the Rock.

***Isa 51:1 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.***

Righteousness is found in the Rock. We were cut from this Rock. Again we have His rock-like nature in our spirits. Many Christians are asking God to make things right in their lives. They want habits to be made right. They want their bodies to become right. They want their circumstances to be right. All of these will be made right from the righteousness (rightness) that already dwells in your spirit. As you tap into the Rock within you will see righteousness spread into all the

areas of your life. Notice though you must look unto the Rock. Where is the Rock? He is in you. He is not out in the space somewhere. He lives in you. As you attend to God by prayer and meditating on His rhema Word you will become rock-like in your thoughts, emotions, and then in all you do and say.

As the nation of Israel forgot the Rock in the OT we Christians can do the same thing today. Do not forget the Rock who begot you and the God who gave you birth. Stop trying to handle your problems in your own strength and wisdom. Sometimes we just forget about the Rock that gave us birth and try to handle things ourselves. We become too self dependent. This will cause you to run out of strength and you will fail. Go to the rock that is higher than you.

***(Psa 61:2 KJVR) 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.***

When your heart is overwhelmed there is a Rock that is higher than you are in the natural. This higher place is in the spirit- in your spirit. The Rock will fortify you from your spirit as you cooperate with Him by prayer, meditation, and faith. Praying in the Spirit and meditation are not works that you do to get strength from God. Praying in the Spirit and meditating His rhema Word taps into the strength and stability that is already been given to you in your spirit. You are a chip off the old rock! The Rock is your Father, and you are born in His image. Look to Him and receive strength right now! Amen.