

ROCKS



Rocks come in all sizes, shapes and colors. Some rocks are larger than houses while others are small enough to hold in your hand. Some rocks are smooth and others are rough. Some rocks are soft and others are hard. Some rocks are pretty while others are very plain. Rocks are found everywhere on earth.

What can we learn from God's creation of rocks?

Rocks are used in the Bible to give us a very clear picture of God and the faith that He gives us. When we see a rock we can use it to understand the strength that God has and the strength of the faith that He gives us that lasts forever.

The Bible teaches us in Psalm 18:2, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge." When you think about how hard a rock is and how it survives great hardship, it makes sense that God uses the rock as a picture of Himself. Many rocks cemented together make a wall or a fortress in which a person can hide and be safe from harm. God is our fortress in which we can be safe from harm.

God shows us that we are His children created in His image in Isaiah 51:1, "Listen to me you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were cut." We are to look to God for our righteousness (goodness) through Jesus, the Son of God, who died on the cross to make us righteous. We are part of God's family because we are small parts of His great body as the Bible

passage above tells us. The Bible also teaches us in Ephesians 1:4-6, "For he (God) chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ in accordance with his pleasure and will to the praise of his glorious grace which he has freely given us in the One (Jesus) he loves."

Rocks also teach us about the faith that God gives us so that we can believe in Jesus and have eternal life. Jesus teaches us that belief in Him as our Lord and Savior is a solid base for our faith. In Matthew 16:15 - 18 we learn this lesson, "He (Jesus) asked, "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah for this was not revealed to you by man but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." It is Peter's confession that Jesus is Lord and Savior that Jesus will build his church upon - not Peter himself. All who

believe in Jesus are part of his church just as rocks are part of a fortress. Satan and the powers of Hell cannot defeat this truth that gives eternal life.

Jesus further explains that faith in Him as our Lord and Savior is a solid rock on which we can build our faith. In Matthew 7:24 - 27 Jesus tells us that believing in Him is like building a house on rock. When the storms of life come, we will stand strong because Jesus died to save us from our sins. If we do not believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior it is like building a house on sand. When the storms of life come, we will not be able to stand because we do not believe in the only Lord and God who can save us from our sins. This is a very strong picture of being strong in Jesus or being weak without Jesus.

If you were in a flood, you could hold on to a tree or a house but these might be washed away. If you got on top of a large and high rock, you would be safe because the flood would not be able to wash the rock away. If you believe in anything other than Jesus, you are not safe from harm but can be washed away when trouble comes your way.

Next time you see some rocks, pick one up and think about how solid it is. This is the picture God gives us of who he is and what our faith is like. Every little rock gives us a very big lesson from God!

