




Let God be Exalted

The Lord lives—may my rock be praised! God, the rock of my salvation, is exalted. ~ 2 Samuel 22:47

Discover the Context
2 Samuel 22:47-51

 On a sheet of paper write out the letters R-O-C-K down the left-hand side. For each letter write an action that you would like to take today that reflects the truth of this verse. For instance, R could be: Reach out to someone as a way to demonstrate the care of God.

 Read Philippians 2:9-11. What is the result of Jesus' service? What does God the Father do for Him? What application can you make to yourself if you likewise have such a servant's attitude? When should you expect to receive praise?

 David used the analogy of a rock. Psalm 31 is full of metaphors and similes that were relevant to Old Testament times. What modern day analogies can you think of that capture the image of God's continued strength and faithfulness to campers and friends?

How awesome is it to be able to truly worship God in a camp setting with friends. David, who wrote this song of praise, knew better than anyone what it was to worship God at camp. He spent his early years camping with his father's sheep. Later he camped in the wilderness with a group of men, hiding from King Saul. During those times in the wilderness, surrounded by God's creation, David learned how to worship God even when he felt alone or mistreated.

Think about what David has written, "the Lord lives." Yes, the Lord is a living God. He is real. He is alive. He is not some made up, imaginary storybook character to help us cope psychologically, but a truly living almighty God to help us in reality. This leads us to give Him real worship, not half-hearted or ritualistic, not one part singing and praying while another part is thinking about other things. Let us put our thoughts, hearts, and eyes fully on the living God.

Think about what else David has written, "God, the rock of my salvation." Not only is God real and alive, but He is also personally involved in our lives. A rock is what David thought of to represent a solid source of strength and of help in tough times, a place to hide amid the powerful storms of life's troubles. God cares about your life and can be personally involved in every task, every relationship, every issue, and every thought. He made a way for us to know and be with Him. Wow!

Let me put it simply. God is real. He strengthens and helps us. He reaches out to us to bring us salvation. He is our rock, and we respond with praise.

Do you think you can find something here that stirs you to say, "Yes God, You are awesome, and I want to worship You?" Spend some time right now thanking the real and living God for His involvement in your life.

Exalt Him—He deserves your praise.

Trust Him—He is your rock.

Worship Him—He is everything. [RDL]