

ROCK SOLID

Easter 2013

THE ROCK

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Psalm 18:31 For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

Psalm 18:46 The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

Psalm 94:22 But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God, the rock of my refuge.

THE STORY

Matthew 7:24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” ²⁸When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

TWO PLANS

The Performance Plan: the Religion of HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT

The Grace Plan: the Religion of DIVINE ACCOMPLISHMENT

What is the storm? GOD’S FINAL JUDGMENT

BUILDING YOUR LIFE ON A ROCK-SOLID FOUNDATION

“...these words of mine”

1. GET ON THE RIGHT ROAD

Matthew 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

2. LISTEN TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE

Matthew 7:15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

3. ACQUIRE THE RIGHT UNDERSTANDING

Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ ²³Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

My Response...

- I need to understand more about this Grace Plan
- I get it! I’m ready to switch plans today!

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Hebrews 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Hebrews 10 |
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