

## Jesus, the Rock of My Salvation

"For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock."

Psalm 27:5 (KJV)

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As I travel teaching God's Word throughout the U.S. and internationally, I constantly talk to believers who are going through troubles. For some, to help themselves through the troubles they returned to their old habits or started new ones. Smoking, drinking, gambling, television, pornography, overeating, adultery, trying to hide in sports, overworking, or their computer, getting a divorce, getting into a new marriage, a new house, a new car, new clothes, a new job, self-pity, worry, anger, bitterness, etc.

As you know, none of these things can save anyone from his troubles, and most of them destroy our peace and joy in the Lord and cause great suffering to ourselves and many others. Most of all, it brings shame to the name of Jesus Christ, causing believers to stumble and unbelievers to mock our God.

However, I thank God for the believers that I meet who in their troubles, live lives that show this world that Jesus is the Rock of their salvation. On March 30, 1976, at age 38, I put my trust in Christ as my Savior. All my life I have had troubles. I had tried to find help and relief from my pain in the ways of this world. Not only did that not help me, everything I tried made my troubles worse. There has been a remarkable difference since I surrendered my life to Christ. I have constantly trusted Jesus, the Rock of my salvation, in my times of troubles, and His amazing grace has never failed me.

Many of the psalms voice my heart towards God. I hope this one encourages you today. Psalm 18:1-6 (KJV) reads, *"I will love thee, O* 

Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears." Verses 16-19 (KJV) read, "He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters. He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me. They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay. He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me."

Beloved, my husband and I have felt like David many times. Storms of pain, floods of sorrow and troubles, and attacks from the enemy of our souls have tried to destroy us. We thank God daily for Jesus, the Rock of our salvation, who has never failed us. Trust Him, beloved. He won't fail you.

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