

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

“The Identity of the Rock” – Exodus 17:1-7

- I. Introduction – Looking for interesting rocks.
 - A. Pastor Don’s pursuit of the right rocks.
 - 1. Wedding ceremonies.
 - B. Finding the right diamond.
 - 1. The three “C”s.
 - C. Today we will study the perfect stone.
 - 1. I Peter 2:5-7
 - 2. Today’s Text: Exodus 17:1-7.
- II. Exposition.
 - A. Verse 1.
 - 1. “From the Wilderness of Sin” – Place of manna.
 - 2. “According to the command of the Lord” – Yahweh.
 - 3. “Rephidin” – Resting place.
 - B. Verse 2.
 - 1. “The people quarreled with Moses” – Fault finding and hostility.
 - 2. “Give us water to drink” – stark demand.
 - 3. “Why do you quarrel with me.” Note connection between God’s prophet and God.
 - C. Verse 3.
 - 1. Anger and hostility.
 - D. Verse 4.
 - 1. “In a little while they will stone me.” No hyperbole.
 - E. Verse 5.
 - 1. Three imperatives are given (commands).
 - “Pass on by.” “Take some of the Elders.” “Take the rod.”
 - F. Verse 6.

- 1. Horeb – Historical site.
- 2. “Yahweh will stand on the rock” – possible pre-incarnation of Christ.
 - a. Cassuto offers a natural explanation which is unwarranted.

The text indicates that it was a miracle.

- G. Verse 7.
 - 1. Massah means test.
 - 2. Meribah means quarrel.
 - 3. In Hebrew it is a chiasmic structure.
- III. Points for Application and Reflection.
 - A. God is a rock and His Son is the same.
 - 1. Genesis 49:24; Isaiah 30:29; Psalm 18:2; Psalm 95:1.
 - 2. See how Paul interprets the Exodus event for our understanding – I Corinthians 10:1-4.
 - 3. Note how the word “rock” in the Song of Moses and in the Psalms apply to the redemptive work of Christ.
 - a. Rock as my Salvation.
 - 1. Duet. 32:29; Ps. 62:2; Ps. 95:1
 - b. Savior – Psalm 89:26.
 - c. Redeemer – Psalm 78:35.
 - B. Complaining is a habitual problem for the people of God.
 - 1. Exodus 4:11,12; 15:25; 16:2.
 - 2. Noted in the Psalms – Ps. 95:7c-8; 78:40,41.
 - 3. Hebrews writer – Heb. 13:15; 4:7
 - C. Taking a closer look at the complaints.
 - 1. “Give us water to drink,” verse 17:2a.
 - a. Sin of d_____ God’s provision.
 - 2. “Why did you bring us out of Egypt to make us and our children and our livestock die,” verse 3.
 - a. This is a denial of God’s p_____.

3. “Is the Lord among us or not?”
 - a. This is the sin of d_____ God’s presence.
4. The people had spiritual amnesia – Ps. 106:13a; 95:9
5. Take a lesson from Asaph – Psalm 78.