

## Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 28: 1; 7

### New International Version

To you I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me; for if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit.

### *The Message*

*Don't turn a deaf ear when I call you, God. If all I get from you is deafening silence, I'd be better off in the Black Hole.*

*Blessed be God—he heard me praying. He proved he's on my side; I've thrown my lot in with him.*

With I think of the Lord as "a rock", a boulder comes to mind; a big rock that is immovable and impregnable. Maybe as large as Stone Mountain, the rock is undaunted by the wind, rain and elements - it is steadfast and sure, steady and solid, unearthed by anything or anyone as a static force that is second to none. Though "a rock", God hears us when we cry out to him; he is alive and though seemingly still, is moving and pervasive. Like a rock, he is certain and sure, a pinnacle or vantage point by which all is witnessed and known about his creation, about you.

The Lord places our feet on a rock, or solid ground; from there, we take refuge and shelter from all that can harm or hurt us. As a mother clutches her child, God embraces us in his loving arms for the duration of our lives on earth. Whereas we grow-up and grow-out and even grow old; yet in God's eyes, we can be children who need and must trust in the Rock, the Lord of our salvation. **He is a father to the fatherless.**

Expressed in yet another way, God's strength is like a shield - a protection against those supernatural things that can, and sometimes do, cause harm. The young David (who wrote many of the Psalms) often embraced God as his shield; as David knew about being a protector as a shepherd, so he knew about being protected by the great shepherd, God.

Whether described as a rock or by any similar object, God is the ultimate and final source of life that creates all natural life and the supernatural life hereafter; therefore, seek this author of life and abide in him.

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