

EL SALI / YAHWEH TSURI

GOD MY ROCK

PRAYING THROUGH THE NAMES OF GOD

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BACKGROUND

What better word than “rock” to represent God’s permanence, protection, and enduring faithfulness?

When you pray to the Lord your Rock, you are praying to the God who can always be counted on. His purposes and plans remain firm throughout history.

The New Testament identifies Jesus as the spiritual rock that accompanied the Israelites during their long journey through the desert. He is also the stone the builders rejected but that has become the cornerstone of God’s church.

Rocks provided shade, shelter, and safety in the wilderness and were used to construct altars, temples, houses, and city walls. Heaps of stones were also used to commemorate important events in Israel’s history. God’s commandments, given to Moses, were etched on stone so that all generations would learn his law.

The word “rock” epitomizes his enduring faithfulness.

The Hebrew noun *tsur* is often translated “rock” or “stone,” while *petra* is the Greek word for rock.

To worship Yahweh Tsur (yah-WEH tsu-REE) is to echo Hannah’s great prayer of praise: “There is no Rock like our God” (1 Samuel 2: 2).

SCRIPTURE

“The LORD lives, and
blessed be my rock; And
exalted be God, the rock [El
Sali] of my salvation.
2 SAMUEL 22: 47

“He [David] said:
“The LORD is my rock, my
fortress and my deliverer, my
God is my rock, in whom
I take refuge, my shield and the
horn of my salvation. He is my
stronghold, my refuge and my
saviour— from violent men you
save me. I call to the LORD , who
is worthy of praise, and I am
saved from my enemies.”
(2 Samuel 22: 2– 4)

“Those who trust in
the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but
endures forever. As the
mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his
people both now and
forevermore.”
(Psalm 125: 1– 2)

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"Praise be to the LORD
my Rock, who trains my
hands for war my fingers for
battle. He is my loving God
and my fortress, my
stronghold and my
deliverer.... Reach down
your hand from
on high; deliver me and
rescue me from the mighty
waters, from
the hands of
foreigners whose mouths
are full of lies, whose right
hands are deceitful. I will
sing a new song to you, O
God; on the ten-stringed lyre
I will make music to you, to
the One who gives victory to
kings, who delivers his
servant David
from the deadly sword."
(Psalm 144: 1- 2, 7- 10)

"You will keep in
perfect peace him whose
mind is steadfast, because he
trusts in you. Trust in the
Lord forever, for the LORD ,
the LORD, is the Rock
eternal."
(Isaiah 26:3- 4)

What are you facing today that frightens you or shakes your confidence? Illness? Job loss? Trouble at home? Difficulties at work? No matter how out of control life may seem, decide to keep your eyes glued to Jesus— to his character and his faithfulness and not to the circumstances that disturb you.

Recommit yourself not only to hearing his Word but to building your life on it, confident that when the rains come down, the streams rise up, and the winds blow and beat against your house, it will not fall because its foundation is securely built on the rock.

Perfect peace, rest, unshakable faith, salvation— these enduring promises belong to all who trust in God. These blessings come, not by wishing but by willing, by deciding to sink our roots into God, spending time in prayer, reading his Word, holding fast to his commandments, and yielding to his Spirit at work within us.

Scripture tells us we are to live and move and have our being in the God who made us. When tragedy comes, as it inevitably will, and when the world around us begins to tremble and shake, as it inevitably will, we will not be shaken. Instead, the Lord who is the Rock eternal will be there, giving us rest and peace.

Lord, you are more reliable than the ground I stand on and your faithfulness is more than I can comprehend.

Thank you for hearing my voice and rescuing me when I cry to you. When I am shaken, you steady me. When I am in trouble, you save me.

You are a sure and steady rock that my feet will not slip off, and my hands will cling to.

I have a solid footing in You, safe from the sinking sand, mire and clay all around me.

You are a solid, immovable, unbreakable, reliable Rock!

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Prayer Suggestions

"My soul finds rest
in God alone; my
salvation comes from
him. He alone is my rock
and my salvation; He is
my fortress, I will never
be shaken."
(Psalm 62: 1- 2)

"Come, let us sing for joy
to the LORD ; let us
shout aloud to the Rock
of our salvation."
(Psalm 95: 1)

"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. The
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."
(Matthew 7: 24- 25)

El Sali, I bless your name. You reign over all. You stand strong and tower high like a mountain of rock jutting up from the earth's surface. You are not swayed or moved when storms come. Upon the strength of who you are, I find a firm foundation to build my life. You provide my salvation and the stability of my times.

El Sali, again and again I enter into my day with the greatest of intentions, ready to trust in you as your names remind me of your great power. Yet when the winds blow and the waves crash against the shore, I forget to look at you, my El Sali. I forget that you are strong and that you have not been moved by what moves me. Forgive me each and every time I have not sought refuge in you, El Sali.

El Sali, you deserve my gratitude. You stay steady when all else around me crumbles and falls. Thank you for your power and strength. Thank you for being my rock, the God of my salvation. Thank you for Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for my sins. Thank you for not only saving me for eternity but also for offering me salvation while on earth. Accept my humble words and heart of prayer as I bow before you to thank you for all you have done for me.

El Sali, as my rock and my salvation, be my stability when things are not stable. Whisper to me in those times when I no longer see you there. When our national economy falters and so much around me seems to be on unsteady ground, help me focus on your never-ending kingdom and eternal throne. They are unshakeable because you are El Sali, my solid rock.