

My High Tower

The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. 2 Sam. 22:3

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in him I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Ps. 18:2

Blessed be the Lord my strength which teaches my hands to war, and my fingers to fight: My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdues my people under me. Ps. 144: 1-2

Some Important Thoughts:

As a Shepherd and a Soldier and a General and a King David knew something that we sometimes miss. If you are in a Covenant Relationship with your God you need to

know as much as you can learn about the Nature of your God.

What is your God like? He will always be true to His own Nature. And a Wonderful God He Is. You need to expect more of Him. Not to do so is an insult to Him.

From the Word of God we will examine God's Nature. It will be a long list. It will be an edifying list: it will build you up. It will increase the very confidence of your faith. It will make you a great spiritual warrior.

- 1. my rock**
- 2. I will trust**
- 3. my shield**
- 4. the horn of my salvation**
- 5. my high tower**
- 6. my refuge,**
- 7. my savior – saves me from violence**

- 8. my fortress**
- 9. my deliverer**
- 10. my God**
- 11. my strength, in whom I will trust**
- 12. my buckler**
- 13. the horn of my salvation**
- 14. my strength**
- 15. he teaches my hands to war**
- 16. he [teaches] my fingers to fight**
- 17. my goodness**
- 18. my deliverer**
- 19. my shield, and he in whom I trust**
- 20. he subdues my people under me**

1. God is your High Tower.

In warfare what does a High Tower provide?

It provides perspective with all possibilities in sight.

It provides focus.

It provides a rallying point.

It inspires confidence.

It causes you to look up.

It shrinks your enemies.

Our High Tower is not an “it,” But God Himself, Jesus Himself.

Colossians 1:

15 Who is the IMAGE of the invisible God, the

firstborn of every creature:

**16 For by him were all things CREATED,
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,
visible and invisible, whether they be
thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or
powers:**

**all things were CREATED by him, and for
him:**

**17 And he is before all things, and by him
all things CONSIST.**

**18 And he is the head of the body, the
church: who is the**

**beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that
in**

all things he might have the preeminence.

**19 For it pleased the Father that in him
should all fulness dwell;**

**20 And, having made peace through the
blood of his cross, by him to**

reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Hebrews 1:

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days

spoken unto us by his Son, whom

he hath appointed heir of all things,

by whom also he MADE the worlds;

3 Who being the

brightness of his glory, and the

express IMAGE of his person,

and UPHOLDING all things by the word of his power, when

he had by himself purged our sins,

sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

John 1:

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were MADE by him; and without him was not any thing MADE that was MADE.

4 In him was LIFE; and the LIFE was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

[1 Cor 1:30] But of him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us ...

1. Wisdom, and

God gives us the spiritual wisdom to recognize that Jesus is our comprehensive Savior. This is foolishness to the unbelievers.

2. Righteousness, and

Jesus imputes to us His righteousness legally before God and enables our righteous actions.

3. Sanctification, and

Jesus imputes to us His holiness if we let Him. Holiness (sanctification) is not gained by flesh inspired good works nor indeed any works that we can produce by self effort.

4. Redemption

The final end of salvation is the resurrection of the body like His own glorious body.

What does Only-Begotten Mean?

He who has the Son has THE Life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have THE Life.

When Adam and Eve fell does anyone suppose that God Almighty was caught off guard and without a plan? Only a fool would believe such a thing. God had the plan, “the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began.” Romans 16:25

Furthermore, how many people believe that this great plan and secret of God was to merely put His children back on a pre-fall basis? Indeed, many well intentioned people believe just that.

Why are we told that God “is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.” Ephesians 3:20

Because that is exactly what He intends to do, and no area more important than His eternal plan for the salvation and elevation of His children. This is what it is all about.

God gave Adam and Eve and all of their descendants the power of free choice. They chose to sin. He has chosen to redeem us with the life and works of Jesus Christ. God has not done this to merely put us back on the status quo with Adam before the fall. He is fulfilling his original plan in spite of human choice. He has included man’s worst choice in his plan for overcoming all obstacles. God’s children can now trade in mere created human life for the only begotten life of the Son within them.

We know that to lose we would have to reject God’s offer. To go back to the pre

fall-state of Adam would be a draw. We are supposed to win and we do.

What is only begotten life like? Look at Jesus on the cross. His body was long past supporting human life before he released his spirit back to the Father. Only Begotten life cannot be killed. It is the life of God Himself.

“For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself.” John 5:26

This means that Jesus is the life source. This is theological proof of His divinity. Now He shares it with us.

“And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:11-13 NASB

The Greek as reflected in the NASB contains the definite article THE life. That is because it is that particular form of life which God possesses. All living beings draw their natural life from God. Christians have the Only Begotten life inside them because Jesus is inside.

The Greek word monogenēs means one-and-only, one of a kind, one of a class, unique.

Scriptures from John’s Gospel NASB

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the ONLY BEGOTTEN from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 John testified about Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He

who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.””

16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth[p]were realized through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has seen God at any time; the ONLY BEGOTTEN God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him. John 1:14 -18

For God so loved the world, that He gave His ONLY BEGOTTEN Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the

**name of the ONLY BEGOTTEN Son of
God. John 3:16 – 18**

Jesus Is I AM

**Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I
AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt
thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM
hath sent me unto you.**

**John: 4:26 Jesus said to her, “I AM he, the
one who is speaking to you.”**

**6:35 Jesus said to them, “I AM the bread of
life. Whoever comes to me will never be
hungry, and whoever believes in me will
never be thirsty.**

**6:41 Then the Jews began to complain
about him because he said, “I AM the bread
that came down from heaven.”**

6:48 I AM the bread of life.

**6:51 I AM the living bread that came down
from heaven.**

8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I AM the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

8:23 He said to them, “You are from below, I AM from above; you are of this world, I AM not of this world.

8:24 I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I AM he.”

8:28 So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me.

8:58 Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

9:5 As long as I AM in the world, I AM the light of the world.”

10:9 I AM the gate/door; Whoever enters by me will be saved.

10:11 I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

10:30 The Father and I are one.” [the form is different here because the subject is plural]

10:36 can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I AM God’s Son’?

10:38 But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I AM in the Father.”

11:25 Jesus said to her, “I AM the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

13:19 I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I AM he.

14:6 Jesus said to him, “I AM the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

15:1 I AM the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

**18:5 They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.”
Jesus replied, “I AM he.”**

18:8 Jesus answered, “I told you that I AM he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.”