God Is...

2 Samuel 22:1-2

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I want to start today’s message with a very honest and real question. One that I’ve asked before, but one that I believe will cause you to really think about the answer when we are finished with today’s message.

* How many in the building today are serving, truly serving God?

In serving this God...

* How many believe we are living in a religion?
* How many believe we are in a true and genuine relationship?

If you’re unsure the answer is that through Jesus Christ and His death & resurrection, when we, by faith, ask the Lord Jesus to forgive us of our sins and accept Him as Lord of our life...a relationship is restored, and a new life begins!

Now to be in a relationship you have to know the other person...

* Who they are
* What their like and dislikes are
* Or even what their favorite movie is.

It’s no different with our God, except he already knows everything about you there is to know.... I know a little unfair. But even knowing everything about us, He still desires us and loves us! So in this relationship we have with God, it’s in our best interest to know as much as we can know about the God, we just said we serve! Why?

Because what we believe about God affects how we live, how we view ourselves and even others. It affects how we respond to trials that we face in life. Truth is that our very belief about God and who He is affects our relationship with Him. (Is He really sovereign, victorious, able to handle my situation?)

It’s important to have a healthy view of God—one that is based not on our feelings or opinions but on the truth of His Word and Who He says He is.

* Hebrews 11:6

*And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.*

In order to have a relationship with God, you must 1st believe with faith that He is, and 2nd that He rewards those who look for Him, or “Learn and know WHO HE IS!”

James 2:23(b) says that *“Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” He was even called the friend of God.”* The definition of a friend is “a person whom one knows and with whom one has a bond of mutual affection.” Now let me be honest here...God shouldn’t just be a friend, a buddy, or someone to call up when you’re bored...but He expects to be your best friend, as that is what’s required in this relationship...Christ Supreme and 1st in everything and over everything.

In our text we see that David, a man that God called “a man after mine own heart” knew exactly who God is...

* 2 Samuel 22:1-2

*David sang this song to the Lord on the day the Lord rescued him from all his enemies and from Saul. 2 He sang: “The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior.*

These 3 things may seem simple, and this scripture can be over read without too much time, but let’s look at these 3 things and get a better look at who GOD IS.

**A. MY FOUNDATION**

1. “The Lord is my rock…” - ROCK means rock, strong hold, or security.

* **He is immutable – He never changes**
  + James 1:17 *- Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens.He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.*
  + Hebrews 13:8 - *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”*
  + Malachi 3:6a - *“I am the Lord, and I do not change...”*
* **He is infinite – He has no limits**.
  + Psalms 147:5 - *How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!*
  + Psalms 90:2 - *Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God.*
* **He is holy**
  + 1 John 1:5 - *“This is the message we heard from Jesusand now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.*
  + *Exodus 15:11 - “Who is like you among the gods, O Lord— glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders.*
  + Leviticus 11:44 (a) – “*For I am the Lord your God. You must consecrate yourselves and be holy because I am holy.”*

American Pastor/Writer Warren Wiersbe is quoted as saying:“God’s holiness is positive and active. It’s God’s perfect nature at work accomplishing His perfect will.”

We can be encouraged today the no matter what the storms of life may bring, or any effort the devil tries as to throw us off, there is a Foundation that we can and should be standing on that “has never changed”, “has no limit” and is Holy above all others!

There’s an old song “ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK” and it says...

*My hope is built on nothing less*

*Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness*

*I dare not trust the sweetest frame*

*But wholly lean on Jesus’ name*

*When darkness seems to hide His face*

*I rest on His unchanging grace*

*In every high and stormy gale*

*My anchor holds within the veil*

*CHORUS: On Christ the solid Rock I stand! All other ground is sinking sand*

**B. MY FORTRESS**

2. “The Lord is my fortress . . .” - FORTRESS means castle, strong hold, or fort.

* **He is my defense**
  + Job 22:25 - *“Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defense . . .”* (KJV)
  + Psalms 7:10 - *“God is my shield saving those whose hearts are true and right.*
  + *Isaiah 25:4 – “But you are a tower of refuge to the poor, O Lord, a tower of refuge to the needy in distress. You are a refuge from the storm and a shelter from the heat...”*
  + Psalm 34:7 – *“The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him And rescues them.”*
* **He fights my battles for me**
  + 1 Samuel 17:47 - *“And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!”*
  + Exodus 14:13-14 - *13 But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. 14 The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”*

There’s a newer song by Vertical Worship called:

“My Defense”

*You make a way when I cannot see*

*You are my strength though my heart is weak.*

*You won't let go*

*You take my place on this battlefield*

*You go before You're my sword, my shield*

*I'm not alone*

*No weapon formed will get to me*

*The enemy underneath Your feet*

*My God my hope*

*You won't let go Chr. - You fight for me, you always have, My victory is in Your hands, The God of Heaven is my defense*

**C. MY FREEDOM**

3. “The Lord is my deliverer . . .” - DELIVERER means deliverer and escape.

Paul in Romans describes each of us as having been sold into bondage to sin.

* Romans 7:14 - *So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin.*
* Romans 6:11 - *“So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.”*
* Romans 6:6-7 - *“6 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. 7 For when we died with Christ, we were set free from the power of sin.”*

Closing:

This morning we’ve looked at 3 things that God is. Foundation, Defense, and Freedom So, in looking at what & who God is, I want you to personally ask yourselves this morning...

* Who/What is my FOUNDATION. What/Who is my life standing upon? If your life isn’t built upon the Rock of Ages, upon God, it’s going to crumble.
* Who’s fighting my battles? Me or God? Am I building up walls of DEFENSE thinking I’m safe, only to see my life become conquered? The best defense is to submit everything to the one who already has the victory in hand!
* Am I truly free today or am I living a in bondage? Am I allowing the enemy to keep me locked up by some reoccurring sin? Have I truly allowed God to free me from past hurts, depression, discouragements, etc. If so, I need God to be my FREEDOM

We know these things we’ve seen today “GOD IS...” Now the question I want to close personally with to each of us today is ... **“IS GOD these things in your life today?**

Truth is these 3 things Foundation, Defense, & Freedom cover EVERY PORTION OF OUR LIVES!

* Where we stand in this life/ Our Core belief
* How we respond to trials and difficulties in life
* And are we living as slaves to our failures, or living free in Christ?

This morning are you able to say that GOD IS...MY EVERYTHING!