

**Rock? or Stone?**

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I was awakened by the Lord in the middle of the night, He asked me to meet Him in the living room. As I sat before Him, He told me to look in the spirit and see. As I looked, I saw what looked like a night sky with comets, and lights dashing to and fro. As I peered further, I saw what appeared to be an old man clothed in light. He had in his left hand what to me looked like globes of light a little larger than a softball. The Lord told me they were called bulbs. As this man held out his hand with the bulb and angel would swoop in, take it, and carry it away. The process was continually repeated. Having no reference to what I was seeing I inquired of the Lord.

He told me to turn to Luke 4:3-4. Being a little dense; at first, I was having difficulty with the association. Here are some definitions I pulled up.

*bulb ( b\*lb) n. 1. Botany a. A short, modified, underground stem surrounded by usually fleshy modified leaves that contain stored food for the shoot within: an onion bulb; a tulip bulb. b. A similar underground stem or root, such as a corm, rhizome, or tuber. c. A plant that grows from a bulb. 2. A rounded projection or part: the bulb of a syringe. 3. An incandescent lamp or its glass housing. 4. Anatomy A rounded dilation or expansion of a canal, vessel, or organ. [Latin bulbos from Greek bolbos bulbous plant]*

*American Heritage Dictionary*

*stone 6. Botany The hard covering enclosing the seed in certain fruits, such as the cherry, plum, or peachstone 3. Rock or a piece of rock shaped or finished for a particular purpose, especially: a. A piece of rock that is used in construction: a coping stone; a paving stone.*

*rock 1 ( r\*k) n. 1. Relatively hard, naturally formed mineral or petrified matter; stone. 2. a. A relatively small piece or fragment of such material. b. A relatively large body of such material, as a cliff or peak. 3. A naturally formed aggregate of mineral matter constituting a significant part of the earth's crust. 4. One that is similar to or suggestive of a mass of stone in stability, firmness, or dependability:*

*rock 2 ( r\*k) v. rocked rock\*ing rocks v. intr. 1. To move back and forth or from side to side, especially gently or rhythmically. 2. To sway violently, as from a blow or shock. See note at swing . 3. To be washed and panned in a cradle or in a rocker.*

Just based on the definitions for botany definitions for bulb and we can see there is a hidden provision in them. Now I want to bring you back to our scripture reference:

*Lk 4:3 Now the Adversary said to Him, "If you are God's son, speak to this stone that it may be becoming bread."*

We are talking about provision here. Jesus happened to be hungry so for him, provision would have been food. It could also mean whatever you need; food, money, housing, health...whatever.

In scripture we find there are many references to stones I found 165 references to stones, not to mention 216 references to stone.

Stone can represent people:

Here Peter says that we are living stones.

*1Pt 2:5 same you', also, as living stones, are being built~ up a spiritual house, into a holy priesthood, to \_offer up spiritual sacrifices, most acceptable to \* ISA*

Ezekiel refers to people who no longer have a heart of stone but of flesh.

*Ezk 11:19 And I have given to them one heart, And a new spirit I do give in your midst, And I have turned the heart of stone out of their flesh, And I have given to them a heart of flesh. ISA*

Jesus was the chief cornerstone that the builders rejected.

*Ac 4:11 This is the Stone \*that is being scorned by you \*|builders, \*which is becoming~ into the head of the corner.*

Jesus was also referred as a Stumbling stone

*Ro 9:33 according as it is owritten~: |Lo~! I am laying in Zion a Stumbling Stone and a Snare Rock, And the one believing on Him shall not be |disgraced. ISA*

Stone can also refer to a witness.

*Gn 31:46 And saying is Jacob to his brethren, "Pick up stones." And they are picking up stones and making a mound. And eating are they and drinking there on the mound. And saying to him is Laban, "This mound is witness between me and you today."ISA*

*Jsh 24:27 And Joshua said unto all the people, `Lo, this stone is against us for a witness, for it has heard all the sayings of Yahweh which He has spoken with us, and it has been against you for a witness, lest you lie against your Elohim.' ISA*

Stone can be an idol.

*Dt 4:28 And there you will serve other elohim, the work of human hands, of wood and stone which are neither seeing nor hearing, neither eating nor smelling.*

*Dt 28:64 And Yahweh will scatter you among all the peoples from one end of the earth unto the other end of the earth. There you will serve other elohim, those of wood and stone which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers.*

Stone can be a weapon.

*ISa 17:49 and David puts forth his hand unto the vessel, and takes thence a stone, and slings, and smites the Philistine on his forehead, and the stone sinks into his forehead, and he falls on his face to the earth. ISA*

Stone can be an obstacle.

*Ps 91:12 On their palms shall they lift you, Lest you should strike your foot against a stone. ISA*

Why all the explanations for stone. I believe the Lord showed me there are many ways we can be standing and walking through trials. Satan, will continually present to us "reasonable" options for

meeting our needs. These options can come in many forms. They can come through previous nuggets of revelations we've had. They can come through individuals who mean well; and may even be Christians. They may come through idols we may carrying in our hearts. They may come through former ways of training or things that worked in the past. Such as; the mammon school of thought that has been drilled into us since we were children.

Consider this, since you were a child you've been taught: You must go to school, get an education, get a job and provide for your family. But the scriptures do not say that. Mammon does. What? Let me show you.

*10. Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.*

*Mttw. 10:10 KJV*

*Mt 10:10 Nor yet two tunics, nor yet sandals, nor yet a club; for worthy is the worker of his \*nourishment. ISA*

*Strong's Number: 2040*

*Transliterated: ergates*

*Phonetic: er-gat'-ace*

*Text: from 2041; a toiler; figuratively, a teacher: --labourer; worker(-men).*

To me, this is one of the most mis-used scriptures of all time. This scripture addresses our obedience to fulfill the vocation to which we have been called. Am I saying we're not supposed to work? No. I'm saying you are supposed to be doing what God has purposed for you to do.

Too many people are in bondage to j.o.b.s. because the training of mammon has been drilled in their heads and not the teaching of the Kingdom of God. Yes...mammon is in the church and it's time for it to go.

Am I saying that you shouldn't go to school, get an education, and get into the workforce? I need to eat, I have bills to pay. I can't just sit around and do nothing. That's not what I'm saying. What I'm saying is what did GOD tell you to do?

*Let's refer back to our scripture refernce.*

*Lk 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written that, 'Not on bread alone shall man be living, but on every declaration... of God.'" Luke 4 ISA Hebrew bible*

Too often, the people in our lives are the stones trying to tell you what you should do. But the scriptures are very clear, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every declaration... of God. As the KJV states: by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

We need to hear a declarative or proceeding word from God. A living word directly from Him to us. We cannot go forward based on a revelation of someone else's. We have to have our own word from Him in our hearts in order to be able to stand against the obstacles. Once we have that word we cannot allow ourselves to be swayed by others who think they know better for our lives. We alone will be held accountable for our lives before God.

To the world and to a large part of the church, you might look foolish, but what the world thinks about you is not important. What is important is what God thinks. We are not to be pleasers of men, but pleasers of God.

Unless, people will spend the time in prayer on your behalf to hear God; don't listen to them. But my pastor told me...so. What did God tell you? If you haven't taken the time to fast and pray for yourself, why should you expect someone else to do it for you? If people have prayed, they should only confirm what God has shown you.

There can be basic principles that sound good, and maybe even worked for others. Even principles and doctrines can be stumbling blocks or stones.

Who is God? Why should we listen to Him?

*Dt 32:4 The Rock--flawless is His contrivance, for all His ways are righteous judgment. The El of faithfulness and without iniquity; just and upright is He.*

*Ps 18:31 For is there any Eloah apart from Yahweh? And is there any Rock*

*Ps 31:2 Stretch out Your ear to me; Rescue me quickly, O Yahweh! Become mine for a Rock, a Stronghold,? For a House of Fastness to save me.*

*Ps 62:6 He only is my Rock and my Salvation, My Impregnable Retreat; I shall not slip.*

*Mt 7:24 "Everyone, then, who any is hearing these \*sayings of Mine and is doing them shall be | likened to a prudent man who any builds his \*house on the rock.*

*Mt 7:25 And the rain descended, and the rivers came, and the winds blow and they lunge at that \*house, and it does not fall, for it had been founded~ on the rock.*

God is our Rock, and there is none like Him. He is faithful, dependable, our stronghold, an impregnable retreat. He is the firm foundation upon which we should be building our lives.

I have had my own personal experiences with having to hear God for my own life. My circumstances were even screaming at me to move and do something other than what God has told me. The bills were shouting, the phones were ringing, well meaning ministers were giving me advice. Parents, children and in-laws were all giving unsolicited advice. But I know that I heard God. I'm sure many others have experienced what I've had to walk through. Even if I tried to move and make the stones to bread, it was blocked. Because ultimately I wanted God's will. Don't we all?

*Mt 11:12 Now, from the days of John the baptist hitherto, the kingdom of the heavens is being violently~ forced and the violent are snatching it. ISA*

We are in a war. We have to stand and believe that God is our Rock and that He is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we can ask or think.. Is it easy? NO. Do you know any war that is. When we

are told to stand, that means STAND. Don't give up ground. Don't compromise. Hold your position and standfast. Trust God. He will bring you through.

Romans 14 sums things up well. Remember we are discussion turning a stone to bread or receive a declared word from God personally to you.

1. *Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.*
2. *For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.*
3. *Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.*
4. *Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.*
5. *One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.*
6. *He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.*
7. *For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.*
8. *For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.*
9. *For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.*
10. *But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nou.*
11. *For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.*
12. *So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. 9. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.*
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12. *So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*
13. *Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.*
14. *I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.*
15. *But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.*
16. *Let not then your good be evil spoken of:*
17. *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.*
19. *Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.*
20. *For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.*
21. *It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.*
22. *Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.*
23. *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of*

*faith is sin.*

*MEAT*

*Strong's Number: 1033*

*Transliterated: bromah*

*Phonetic: bro'-mah*

*Text: from the base of 977; food (literally or figuratively), especially (ceremonially) articles allowed or forbidden by the Jewish law: --meat, victuals.*

*So what does all this mean? Let the bread that you live on be the word that proceeds out of the mouth of God for YOU. Then what you do, you will be able to do in faith and it will be pleasing unto God.*