

Notes for Lesson 11

Yahweh Tsurì - The LORD is my rock

Rocks/Boulders

- Immovable
- Solid
- Indestructible
- Strong, firm
- Enduring
- Protective
- Shade
- Shelter
- Fortress in battle
- Place of retreat and rest

The Hyrax (Rock Badger)

Proverbs 30:24-28: Four things on earth are small, yet they are *extremely wise*:

Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer

Hyraxes are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the craigs (cliffs/rocks)

Locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks

A lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces.

Psalm 104:18: The high mountains belong to the wild goats; *the craigs (cliffs/rocks) are a refuge for the hyrax.*

What can we learn from the hyrax?

- They are "exceedingly wise" because they live in a place of security and safety
- Their lives revolve around the rocks
- They *look* like the rocks (camouflage)
- They bask in the sun (spend time in His presence)
- They are keenly aware of their surroundings
- They know they have enemies and watch for predators
- They live in community

Psalm 62:5-8 (NIV, NET, NLT)

⁵ My soul finds rest in God
I wait quietly before God;
for he is the one who gives me confidence/hope.

⁶ He alone is my rock/protector (tsuri: high rocky summit)
and my salvation/deliverer (yeshuah: salvation).

He is my fortress/refuge
(misgab: secure height, retreat, elevated place);
I will not be shaken.

⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God/
God delivers me and exalts me;
He is my mighty rock/strong protector
and my refuge/shelter.
He is my refuge,
a rock where no enemy can reach me.

⁸ Trust in him at all times;
Pour out your hearts to Him,
For God is our refuge/shelter.

What do these verses say about Yahweh Tsur?

- He provides strength when we are weary
- He is our place of rest
- He is our protector and keeps us safe
- He offers stability
- He is our salvation

When your world is shaken, trust in Him and
pour out your heart to Him.

Building Our Lives on The Rock

Matthew 7:24-27: 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. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

What gets in the way of us building our lives on Him?

- God cannot protect what we won't give Him
- God cannot work His way in our lives when we're doing it *our way*

Self-Reflection

1) Where, or who, do I run to for safety and protection?

2) What priorities, people, or things (other than God) have I built my house on?

3) What would it look like to build on God instead? What needs to change?
