

"From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I," Psa. 61:2.

## THE ROCK THAT IS HIGHER THAN I

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We should think often of the Rock of our Salvation. Our Savior is Jesus. In what ways is Jesus "higher than I"?

1. When we consider the deity of Christ, he is "higher than I." "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made" (John 1:1-3). Jesus Christ is not just a man, though He was fully man. But, Jesus is God: "for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him and unto him; and he is before all things, and in him all things consist" (Colossians 1:16-17). No such thing could ever be said of a mere man. The Hebrew writer called Him God when he wrote: "but of the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever . . . And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of thy hands . . .," (1:8,10). Truly, Jesus, the Rock of my salvation, is "higher than I" because of His deity.

2. Jesus is "higher than I" in knowledge. The inspired apostle Paul writes of Him that "in [him] are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden" (Colossians 2:3). Isaiah wrote of the coming Messiah: "And the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah" (Isaiah 11:2). Jesus knows much more than I can ever know. Jesus knows everything, even what other men are thinking: "But Jesus did not trust himself unto them, for that he knew all men, concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man" (John 2:24-25). Yes, Jesus is above me in

knowledge.

3. Jesus is "higher than I" in power. Fact of the matter is, He has all power. "And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18). I can't say that, can you? The New Testament teaches that Jesus' power is so complete that "he is able even to subject all things unto himself" (Philippians 3:21), "for in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9).

4. Jesus is "higher than I" in that He is equal with the Father. Jesus said to the Jews of His time that God "hath given all judgment unto the Son; that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father that sent him" (John 5:22-23). Clearly, Jesus was claiming to be equal with the Father. Paul said that Jesus was equal with the Father and that "existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant" (Philippians 2:6-7). I never have been on an equality with God, have you?

5. Jesus is "higher than I" in that He is an object of men's faith and worthy of worship. Peter affirmed of Him, "And we have believed and know that thou art the Holy One of God" (John 6:69). The Hebrew writer said of Him, "And when he again bringeth in the firstborn into the world he saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him" (Hebrews 1:6). Peter said, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). The angels certainly do not worship me, nor am I the object of other men's faith for their salvation.

6. Jesus Christ is "higher than I" in that He is the only way to God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Peter and John told people that "He is the stone which was set at nought of you the builders, which was made the head of the corner. And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (Acts 4:11-12). I am not the way by which men come to God, are you?

Yes, truly, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I!

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