

*"Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it **Ebenezer**, saying, 'Hitherto hath the LORD Helped us.'" 1 Samuel 7:12 KJV*



Ebenezer means, stone of help, Mizpeh, watchtower, and Shen, sharp teeth, Jesus asked, "Whom say ye that I Am?" Peter answered, "Thou Art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Christ replied, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona ...upon This Rock I Will Build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against It." Many think, because "Peter" means stone, Christ referred to him. God's Word teaches, "God Is The 'Rock' of our Salvation." The "Rock" Christ Meant Was The Revealed Word. He told Peter, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed

it unto thee, but My Father Which Is In Heaven." Revelation of the Word of God Comes from God! "God Is A Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth." Jesus said, "I Am the...the Truth? When the Comforter...Whom I WILL SEND unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, Which Proceedeth from the Father, HE SHALL TESTIFY OF ME. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, Is Come, He Will Guide you into all Truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but Whatsoever He Shall Hear, That Shall He Speak." God, the Holy Spirit of Truth, Reveals Through His Word, to the spirits of believers, The Wondrous Majesty, Love, And Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ from His Own Thoughts! "Whatsoever He Shall Hear..." Who do you "hear" when you think? God's Word Prevails over besetting sin, through obedience to it. By listening to the Holy Spirit of Truth, God's Word becomes your "Ebenezer" between you and the "devouring lion" that "seeketh whom he may devour." Truth is our "Ebenezer." When sin is defeated by obedience to God's Word, memorize that scripture! Set it up as your "Ebenezer" between you and "the lust of the flesh." Samuel cried to God for victory, and "the LORD Thundered with a Great Thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them" As they fled, Israel pursued and smote them. Pursue and destroy lust with obedience. If you don't, the enemy will return. "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, 'I will return into my house from whence I came out;' and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first." Do you find yourself constantly praying for deliverance? Fill your mind with God's Word through constant meditation and unceasing prayer. "Let This Mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus:" The very thoughts of God revealed by the Spirit of Truth from His Written Word.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. —Robert Robinson

A professor asked students how to remove all the air from a glass. Exhaustive discussion produced no solution. The professor then, simply filled the glass with water. Our mind is the empty glass. Either we fill it with God's Word, or Satan will with temptation. Obedience forces out lustful impulse. You might say it "brain washes" us. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and Renew a right spirit within me." Truth must fill us if we desire to be "vessels of honour." We bathe to cleanse life's grime. Truth cleanses. You will be filled. You decide with what.

"Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and Cleanse me from my sin. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Psalms 51:2, 7 KJV