

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."
Matthew 7:25 KJV



Ever wonder why some believers are always in turmoil and others never seem ruffled? It's all in how they are anchored to the Rock. Their circumstances are not different, but their attachment to the Rock is. If you are firmly attached to the Rock, there is no storm, flood, or gale can move the Rock or anything firmly affixed to it. The believer's anchor is obedience through faith to God's Word. Trusting God in spite of circumstance! This can only be achieved through repeated reliance on God in the face of circumstance. You can't trust God's Word unless you KNOW God's Word. *"This Book of the Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein (think about it) day and night, that thou mayest observe TO DO according to ALL that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have GOOD success."* The more Truth permeates and fuses with your soul, the less stress and turmoil you will experience. It becomes an issue of proven trust. The passenger on the ship is less sure of the ship than the Captain who has sailed her a million miles. The storms hold no threat, because many storms have come and gone and the ship has weathered them all. Christ slept peacefully amidst the storm as His disciples fumed and fretted. He is the Master of wind and waves. Christ is our Captain and the Rock to which we are anchored. Our relationship with Truth is what strengthens our trust and reduces our stress. We know that there is no circumstance nor trial that is not under God's complete and total control. *"We know that all things (even the bad) work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to HIS purpose."* Your foundation determines your ability to survive turmoil. Obedience through faith to Truth is what anchors you to the Rock of our salvation and His omnipotence. Do circumstances foil your best-laid plans? Does the stress plague you? *"Trust in the Lord with ALL thine heart,"* and stress melts away like snow in summer sun! Trust is born of repeated reliability. Prove God, and then you can know that God is in control. You can rest peacefully in any storm, because then you know, *"ALL things work together for good to them that love God."* Even storms are an advantage for God's children. If the Master is in the ship, the storm is of no consequence, because *"even the wind and the waves obey Him."*

When storms and gales, blow and assail,
They cannot o're the Rock prevail,
For those who anchor fast thereto,
It matters not if skies are blue. ~CGP

Gloomy skies hold no threat for the rock. Stormy seas do not harm the rock. The rock remains in storm and sunshine, in frost or fog. If your life is *"hid in Christ with God"* through faithful obedience you are in the Rock. Since Christ is eternal, you are eternally protected! He was protecting you before you were born! *"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began. According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."* God knew before time began the decision of every man for or against Truth and *"whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren."* God loved you first!

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." John 10:28-30 KJV