

“A PEBBLE OR A BOULDER?”

EASTER SUNDAY

One day in the Garden, Satan the serpent slithers into this scene and seeks to seduce Eve. As the serpent dialogues with Eve and brings doubt into her mind, where is God? If you believe He’s omnipresent and sovereign, He’s right there, even as Satan sets the trap.

So too, God remains the same immense size despite the extent of your own personal struggle and despite your own momentary deletion of Him from the equation of life. But is that truth one you are truly embracing?

WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF GOD?

① He is the _____.

Moses s_____ it (i.e. Him; 1 Cor. 10:4) to bring forth water (Exodus 17:6).

Moses s_____ about it (Deut. 32:4).

Hannah s_____ about it (1 Sam. 2:2).

David s_____ about it (2 Sam. 22:2,32,47).

The Psalms s_____ it (31:2; 61:2).

Isaiah s_____ it again (17:10; 44:8).

Will you build on the firm foundation or upon the sands of _____ (Matthew 7:24-27)?

② He is the _____.

In the New Testament, a vastly different view of God surfaces as the vertical begins to slant sideways.

Satan challenges Jesus to turn them into _____ (Mt. 4:3).

The unbelieving Jews wish to _____ Jesus with these (John 8:59; 10:31).

CONCLUSION

His lifeless body laid in a tomb, humanity seeks to seal it with a _____ (Matthew 27:60). What an ironic end to the life of Jesus, the Rock, who is enclosed in this cave with a stone!

Responding to Peter’s answer (Matthew 16:18), Jesus makes much of what Peter said and less of who Peter is. Although Peter is the _____, Jesus is the Rock.

When salvation comes to you, this cornerstone Savior now raises you up as a living _____ (1 Peter 2:4-5).