

SOMETIMES GOD LETS YOU HIT ROCK BOTTOM SO
THAT YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT HE IS THE ROCK AT
THE BOTTOM.

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Come, let us shout joyfully to the LORD,
shout triumphantly to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving;
let us shout triumphantly to Him in song.

³ For the LORD is a great God,
a great King above all gods.

⁴ The depths of the earth are in His hand,
and the mountain peaks are His.

⁵ The sea is His; He made it.
His hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

⁷ For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture,
the sheep under His care.

Today, if you hear His voice:

⁸ Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the wilderness

⁹ where your fathers tested Me;
they tried Me, though they had seen what I did.

¹⁰ For 40 years I was disgusted with that generation;
I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray;
they do not know My ways."

¹¹ So I swore in My anger,
"They will not enter My rest."

THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION

Many OT scholars believe this psalm was used in connection with the pilgrimage travels to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Tabernacles.

The Feast was a joyful event, which may be indicative of the terms used in verse one.

The Feast of Tabernacles provided an occasion for the people to look back at the wilderness wanderings of their ancestors, to give thanks for their bountiful harvest, and to look with hope to the Lord for their future.

The verses are quoted in Hebrews 3:7 through Hebrews 4:14 which helps us apply the verses to the church today. Even though we have seen what God has done, we have a tendency to doubt God's care. We allow our hearts to wander away.

The pattern of rebellion eventually stirred God's wrath.

