

11-The Lord My Stone

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INTRO:

I. → Psalm 18:1-6

*I will love you, **Yahweh my Strength.***

Yahweh is my Stone, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer;
my God is my Rock, in whom I will trust,
my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my High Tower.
From praise I will call upon Yahweh,
and I will be saved from my enemies.

→ 4 The cords of death surrounded me;
and streams of the ungodly terrified me.
The cords of Sheol encircled me;
laid before me were the snares of death.
In my distress I called upon Yahweh;
and unto my God I cried out.

He heard my voice from his **temple**;
and my cry came before him, into his ears.

II. TILLAMOOK ROCK LIGHTHOUSE—1881 TO 1957

BODY:

I. The Stone of Security

*Yahweh is my **Stone**, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer;*

A. Jesus is the fortress we run to when times get tough.

1) **HEZEKIAH REUNITING THE TRIBES**

2) **Isaiah 28:16**

*"See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a tested stone,
a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation;
the one who trusts will never be dismayed."*

3) **BLASTING OUT THE ELEVATOR**

B. The only foundation that will never fail is Jesus himself.

1) **Matthew 7:24-25**

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

2) **"LOVE IS HERE TO STAY"**—Words by Ira Gershwin after his brother died in 1937, George's last musical composition

It's very clear, our love is here to stay.

Not for a year, but ever and a day.

In time the Rockies may crumble, Gibraltar may tumble.

They're only made of clay.

But, our love is here to stay

II. The Stone of Salvation

*my Shield, and the Horn of my **salvation***

A. The message of Jesus will last through all generations.

1) **Psalms 118:22-23**

*The stone the builders rejected
has become the **cornerstone**;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

2) **THE WESTERN STONE**

45ft long, 11ft high, 300 tons

3) **WATCHING GENERATIONS COME AND GO**

B. It is never too late to build your life upon the Cornerstone.

1) **Ephesians 2:19-20**

*"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the **Chief Cornerstone**." NKJV*

2) **THE ROCK IN THE ENTRYWAY**

- 3) **EMMA LAZARUS "THE NEW COLOSSUS" 1883**
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" (1883)

III. The Stone of Strength

*I will love you, Yahweh my **Strength**.*

A. When life gets hard the Stone is even harder still.

1) **1 Peter 2:4-6**

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

2) **LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN—WHAT MAKES IT GREAT**

B. His strength gives us the ability to do more than we thought.

1) **Philippians 4:12-13**

Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. NKJV

2) **MIKE TYSON GETTING BACK IN THE RING**