

# God of Past, Who by Your Spirit



Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness  
and who seek the Lord:  
Look to the rock from which you were cut  
and to the quarry from which you were hewn.  
Isaiah 51:1 (TNIV)

“I am the God of your fathers,” God would say to his children wandering in the wilderness. Then he would name a few, lest they forget: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. All through God’s growing a people to establish the nation of Israel, he would call them to remember from whence they had come. He would call them to remember those who had gone before them proclaiming the name of the Lord and telling the stories of His great plan and purpose for all the ages to come. He would call them to see His great works and know that He is the God above all gods – and to pass it on.

Just so today, in our own journeys of faith, we are called to remember those who have gone before and have left for us a legacy of faithfulness to follow. Sometimes we do this in a form of celebration on a specific anniversary, recalling by name and deed those who have laid the foundation for a ministry on which we stand. Sometimes it is a personal remembrance of someone, or many “someones,” who have left an indelible mark on our souls.

What could be of greater joy to those on whose shoulders we stand than for us to live and pass on what we have been given – but more, to help the new generations in all the changes that inevitably take place not to lose the Truth of God himself, his purpose in man, and his glory in His Son our Savior?

God of past, God of present, God of hope. Our future in Christ is sealed. Our lives indwelt by the Holy Spirit must now boldly speak with a clear and certain voice: JESUS IS LORD!