

God as a fortress to the family

David came to a point in his life where he has to acknowledge God as his fortress. David's action in 2 Samuel 22:2 is instructive of how a family can begin to appreciate God as a fortress. David at that time acknowledged that if it had not been God who had delivered him from his desperate enemies he would have been destroyed.

A fortress as we well know is a structure constructed as a means of defense against enemies. For David to so clearly acknowledge God as a fortress is a pointer to the fact that God personifies all the attributes of a fortress and even more. To be sure God is a fortress against all kinds of enemies, be they army, economic hardship, emotional trauma, sickness and so on.

The summation of God's personality as spelt in Deuteronomy 32:4 is all encompassing. It behooves every Christian family to make him as their rock and their fortress. David did this all through his life. His life was so full of ups and downs. He experienced some of the most disturbing family conflicts in his life but because he depended on God as his fortress and he was delivered. If it had not been God who was with David, Ahithophel's counsel would not have been defeated and that would have sealed David's doom.

Extract is taken from the Christian family, by Evangelist Naboth Jatau. All rights reserved.