

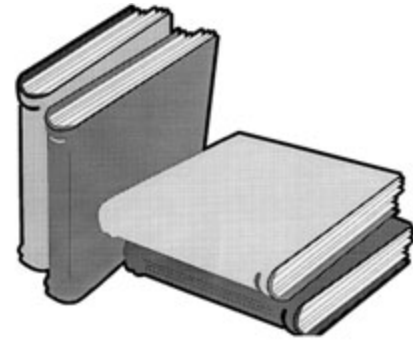
The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

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Measureless Word, Measureless God.

Adolphe Monod was a minister in the Reformed Church of France during the first half of the 19th century. Near the end of September, 1855, when he was 54, he learned that he had terminal cancer of the liver. From that time he began a small weekly service in his bedroom, with communion and a meditation, for family and a few friends. His messages were transcribed by his children. This talk, parts of it are given here, is from Oct 14, 1855.

There is nothing in Scripture but the absolute and the perfect. It never dreams of calling us to a certain measure of holiness by a certain measure of faith. ...

We have always lived in an atmosphere so saturated with sin, on this earth, that we no longer know how to discern the sin that engulfs us from every side. ... *"At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another"* (Titus 3:3) For a long time it was impossible for me to agree with this statement, ... I confess that even after God, in his grace, had turned my heart to him on the day he had set from time eternal, I was for a long while still unable to accept it completely. What is more, I confess that ever since, and even today, I cannot comprehend it in its fullness. Yet I am convinced that it is perfectly true and that if I have not really grasped it in my experience, the fault is entirely mine.

It is just here that I have understood the necessity of a witness existing before, outside of, and above us. I accept this statement ... as coming from God because I find it in his Word, and I beseech him to finish revealing its meaning to me by his Spirit.

Adolphe Monod, *Les Adieux (The Goodbyes)*,
edited and translated by Constance Walker as
Living in the Hope of Glory, P&R 2012. p. 3-5.

The important conclusion of this will appear next week.