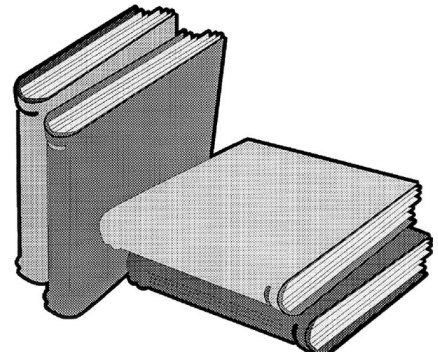


The Rock and Pit

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

Isa 51:1

Selections from the Christian's heritage in print,
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A Promise Was Given.

We look again at some of the words from last week.

¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans;
I will come to you.

¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more,
but you will see me.

Because I live,
you also will live.

²⁰In that day you will know that
I am in my Father,

and you in me, and I in you.

A few days before the crucifixion, from John 14, ESV.

The best of saints knows but little so long as he is in the body. The fall of our father Adam has corrupted our understandings, as well as our consciences, hearts, and wills. Even after conversion **we see through a glass darkly**, and on no point do we see so dimly as on the nature of **our own union with Christ**, and of **the union of Christ and the Father**. These are matters in which we must be content to believe humbly, and, like little children, to receive on trust the things which we cannot explain.

But **it is a blessed and cheering thought that when Christ comes again**, the remains of ignorance shall be rolled away. Raised from the dead, freed from the darkness of this world, no longer tempted by the devil and tried by the flesh, believers shall see as they have been seen, and know as they have been known. We shall have light enough one day. **What we know not now, we shall know hereafter.**

J. C. Ryle, Commentary on John, 1869. (2007 Baker Set Vol 4, John 13:1-21:25, p. 77.)