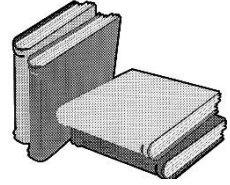


The Rock and Pit

*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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Veterans of War

I see you¹ as veterans of the war between the forces of Christ and those of Satan.

From the start you knew that you were saved to serve, and that indeed is what you spontaneously wanted to do. So you learned, however, that you were going to be opposed all the way.

By becoming Christians, you walked into a war,

Satan's war against the triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

And that meant that whatever you set yourselves to do by way of service to the Lord, satanic forces would try, usually by indirect rather than direct means, to thwart or spoil. So your Christian life has been a long-drawn fight against the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

And such it still is.

-J. I. Packer,

Finishing Our Course with Joy:

Guidance from God for Engaging with Our Aging,

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¹ the "you" in this passage is the person Packer visualizes to be his "ideal reader", a practice he was taught as a writer while in junior high school