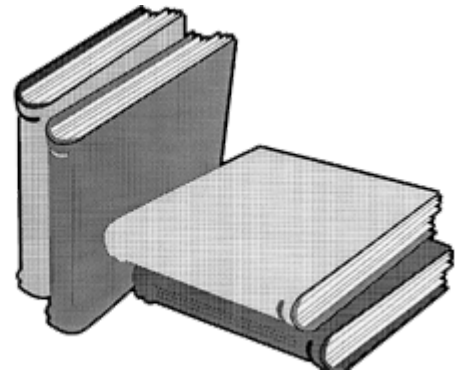


The Rock and Pit

*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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John Newton Going to See the King.

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We are just going to court, in hopes of seeing the King [George III], for he has promised to meet us. We can say he is mindful of his promise. And yet it is not strange that though we are all in the same place, and the King in the midst of us, it is but here and there one (even of those who love him) [that] can see him at once! However, in our turns we are all favoured with a glimpse of him, and have had cause to say, How great is his goodness! How great is his beauty!

... If a transient glance exceeds all that the world can afford for a long continuance, what must it be to dwell with him? If a day in his courts be better than a thousand, what will eternity be in his presence?

I hope the more you see, the more you love; the more you drink, the more you thirst; the more you do for him, the more you are ashamed you can do so little ...

But the tea-kettle boils and the people are coming from the Great House, where they have been praying for me, for you, and for all that preach and all that love Jesus in sincerity. I see two or three Northampton sheep [where the recipient lives and ministers] among them and they shall be welcome to share in the best food the Lord shall be pleased to give me for my own. At present I have little in hand, hardly half a loaf to set before the whole congregation, but I know who can provide.

John Newton (the "Servant of Slaves", of Amazing Grace fame),
From Grant Gordon, ed., *Wise Counsel:*
John Newton's Letters to John Ryland Jr., Banner of Truth 2009.