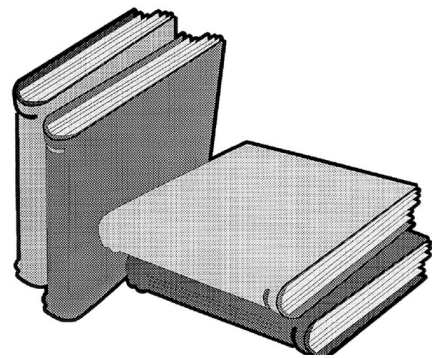


# The Rock and Pit

*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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## **The Wonderful Works of God<sup>1</sup>, III**

The teaching of the Christian religion that is offered to the congregation in this book tries to fill that gap, [that there is no work that explains the content of the Christian faith for ordinary people, at a modest size and price, and which is accessible.] ...

**I have in view the ordinary members of the congregation** who are preparing for admission to the Lord's Supper, ... or who, after admission, *remain interested in the knowledge of the truth.*

And among them I again I have in view **all of the young men and women who are often from a young age already training for their future profession**, at the workplace or the factory, at the shop or at the office, receiving education in advanced or secondary school ... **and who are being acquainted with the frequent challenges that the Christian religion is exposed to in the present time.**

**There are many among them who still wholly want to believe**, but because of the environment, and because of the oppositions and objections they have heard, **it has become extremely difficult to do so.** In each case, their confession is devoid of joy and enthusiasm.

And yet, **these must return, and they will return, if the truth is rightly understood.**

Herman Bavinck, Amsterdam May, 1907.

From the Foreword to Bavinck's book titled *Magnalia Dei*, 1909, for the Dutch, and translated to English by Henry Zylstra, as *The Wonderful Works of God*, Eerdmans, 1956. Republished Westminster Seminary Press, **2019.**

**TO BE CONTINUED.**

1 "... we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God."  
Acts 2:11 KJV.