

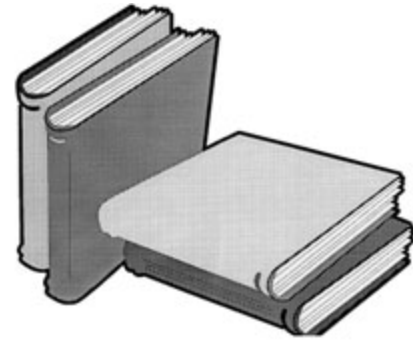
# The Rock and Pit

*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, II.**

Adolphe Monod was a minister in the Reformed Church of France during the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

Pardon is also depicted to us everywhere in Scripture as ideal [complete]. If only part of our sins were pardoned ...[and] only one were left that was not dealt with, then that pardon would be useless to us. But our pardon is complete.

*"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God"* (2 Cor. 5:21) Jesus Christ did not simply make atonement for some sins, he made atonement for sin itself. He was made to be sin and ... the full curse of God was gathered together on that innocent, holy head. Likewise we were not simply made righteous in him, we are made to be righteousness itself, in such a way that when God looks at us in Jesus Christ he sees us as his own beloved Son and finds in us everything that could attract his gaze and his kindness.

We who believe have been given by God to Jesus Christ as the recompense for his sacrifice. ... All of his perfection is so thoroughly committed in this relationship that this gift of his infinite mercy becomes a right due to us by virtue of our perfect righteousness in Jesus Christ.

[From earlier in this talk:] God, in his grace, turned my heart to him on the day that he had set from time eternal.

Adolphe Monod, *Les Adieux (The Goodbyes)*,  
edited and translated by Constance Walker as  
*Living in the Hope of Glory*, P&R 2012. p. 5-6.