

THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST\* 1Cor. 10:4

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The greatest personality of all time is Jesus of Nazareth, son of man, Son of God.

He is that ancient of days that walks in measured tread throughout the sacred pages of the Holy Bible. He is the one for whom every type and shadow stands.

To him every prophet pointed an index finger. He is the fulfillment of all prophecy, Because it was for him and ~~By~~ him that everything was made. *that was made*

The whole scheme of redemption and creation revolves around him.

He is the passover Lamb, The ScapeGoat, The kinsman R. The dove, The altar, The sacrifice, the Priest.

Every type, symbol and shadow points to some aspect of his wonderful Character.

Meekness- purity- forgiveness- affection- royalty. These and a thousand other types point to the many sided multiplicity of character traits and attributes.

One of the most obvious types both in the Old and New is a ROCK.

*Masses wanted to see God. I got put in the desert a rock.*

How appropriate that title Rock Of Ages- IT appears first at Horeb when the people were thirsty and God told Moses to smite the Rock and water would come out.

At thr Border of Caanan God told Moses to speak to the Rock, But Mosed disobeyed and smote it again twice and water came out.

And Old legon says that this Rock rolled along with the people and when they were thirsty water gushed out. This is Not necessary for Christ to be with them.

*turn*  
Dehnehadne zzar, s dream of the great Image, ended with a little stone cut out of the Mt without hands and rolling over the image and filling the whole ear

Indicated the nature or quality of Christ K<sup>+</sup>ngdom Like a rock.

Just before Moses went up to Nebo's lonely heights to view his promised Land and go to be with God, He composed and sang a song.

The opening words were: HE IS THE ROCK AND HIS WORK IS PERFECT.

David sang: Lead me to the Rock that is higher than

Also. Thou art My Father, My God and the ROCK of my salvation.

THE NATURE AND QUANTITY OF ROCK:

The commonest material. ~~most abundant~~, the most abundant, cheapest and worthless material.

Rocks literally fill the whole earth.

The Mts are rock, the small particles of sand under your feet are rock. The roads we ride on are rock. The buildings we live in are made of rock. The roof on the houses are rock. The cement in the foundation is rock. The bowels of the earth are made up of rock

Most rock I have ever seen came out of that hole where this dormitory stands.

There is more rock than any other thing on earth

Rock Common- Christ came from among the commonest peasant of Palestine.

Rock is abundant: Christ is sufficient for every human need. To give does not impoverish him and to withhold does not enrich him.

Christ is abundant for a dying world, *than anything else.*

Rock the commonest material: Christ is in the reach of us all.

Without money and without price.

ISIAH: 32:2

A man shall be a hiding place from the wind. A cover from the tempest. A river of water in a dry place  
A shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

He was saying Christ is this Rock and with these many protective qualities:

The same rock:

When it was too hot he was the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

When the wind blew too hard he was a coverer from the wind and tempest: That rock was Christ.

When they were thirsty: That Rock gave out a fountain water: That Rock was Christ.

Moses Stood on a Rock at Horeb and smote it and water came gushing out\*  
THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

Moses Smote a rock as he neared Canaan and water flowed for a thirsty nation:  
THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

A little stone came rolling down the Mt, and destroyed all the kingdoms of man and filled the whole earth:  
THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

David took a little stone and put it in sling and threw it at Goliath and the Giant fell dead:  
THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

Moses in his swan song of farewell sang : He is the rock, His work is perfect:  
THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

Isiah said a man shall be ~~as great~~ The shadow of a great rock in a weary land:  
THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

David the sweet singer struck upon his harp and chimed; Lead me to that Rock that is higher than I;  
THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

He said ~~Again~~: Thou art my Father, My God and the rock of my salvation:  
THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

THE PROPHET SAID: The stone that the builders rejected has become the head stone of the corner:  
THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

MY LITTLE GIRLS SING A SONG: the wise man built his house upon the rock, and the rains came down and the floods came up, and the house on the rock stood firm.

THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

Behold I lay in Sion (said Paul) a stumbling stone and a rock of offence:  
THAT ROCK IS CHRIST.

JESUS replying to the confession of Peter said, On this Rock I'll build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.  
THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

Jesus said whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken, but on whomsoever it shall fall it will grind him to powder.  
THAT ROCK AS CHRIST.

#### THE UNSHAKEABLE QUALITY OF THE ROCK.

When you want to speak of the stability of a person or thing you say, It is as solid as a rock.

So it is with Christ he is unmoveable. The storms of ages have beat upon that Rock but it falls not for it is a Rock.

Water is purest and coldest that comes from beneath the rocks.

In the land of my childhood The well diggers would drill down hundreds of feet for water, they would go down, down hundreds of feet through the rocks and down beneath the rocks they would strike a gusher and an overflow well would spring.

One of the ancient landmarks of old plantations of other days are old flowing wells.

*(Back in the days of logging camps)*  
The house is gone the people almost forgotten, the landscape effaced, but the well of water that springs from the rocks, flows on.

( My children at the old well)

An old church and an old school house a few graves

But the old well flows on.

So with Christ. The water of life flows from the

Rock. And that Rock is Christ.

Christ told the Samaritan woman that he would give her the water of life. That water was to come from the Rock. And that Rock was Christ.

THE ~~ANALYTICAL~~ ROCK LIKE QUALITY OF THE KINGDOM:

Jesus told Peter after his confession.

UPON this Rock will I build my Church.

Christ was the head stone of the Corner. Rejected of men but still the chief Corner Stone.

How fitting of Peter, the Little Rock, <sup>in his Epistle</sup> to talk of Christ the Chief Corner Stone. and the people as living stones in the Superstructure.

Christ is the Living Stone.

They that believe on him become also living Stones drawn to Christ by the likeness of quality that is in the Corner Stone.

His Church is a Spiritual Structure, built on a living Stone, made up of living stone.

STOP FOR A MOMENT AND CONSIDER THE IMPOSSIBILITY FOR A STONE TO LIVE. (nothing more adamant) Nothing is more void of life. Nothing deader, nothing more inanimate. But here Peter speaks of a Stone that Lives.

Christ is that Living Stone, that spiritual Rock that followed Israel through the Wilderness.

IT is impossible for a stone to live.

But Christ is a Christ of the impossible.

He is a living stone and he can make these stones to live.

At the triumphant entry. The Pharisees asked Christ to Command the people to hold their peace.

Jesus said, If these hold their peace. These stones would immediately cry out.

This was a prophecy\* The heavens. Stars, birds, wind, trees, flowers, lakes, all praise God in their way, and Now Jesus says I will be praised even by the Rocks crying out.

The cobblestones streets beneath their feet would cry.

The rockbuildings by the side of the street would cryout.

The Stones that lined the highway would Chy out.

The mountains around Jerusalem would cry out.

The multitudes of little rocks across the hillside would cry out.

The stones in the mighty temple would cry out.

Everywhere they looked were rocks, LIT TLE ROCKS, BIG ROCKS, WHITE ROCKS, GREY ROCKS, STREET ROCKS, MT ROCKS, FIELD ROCKS, WAYSIDE ROCKS.

If these cry out they said we will not be able to endure it.

#### THE TRIUMPH OF THE KINGDOM.

The storms of hell has beat upon the church. The gates of hell has assailed it.

But it is founded on a Rock. If we drink from that spiritual Rock we partake of his same eternal and indestructable quality Quality that watar cannot drown. Fire cannot burn. Time cannot erase,

Moses wanted to see God and God said I will ~~axaftx~~ put thee in a cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand.

what a picture of protection.

Christ is that Rock, God puts us in the cleft of the Rock and THAT ROCK IS CHRIST.

WE ARE HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD.

I THRILL TO THE thought of the eternal endurance of Christ and his kingdom.

When all the kingdoms of this earth are gone.

When the Mts are incenerated in ashes, When desert sands grow cold. When the flowers forgets the Sun that warms them, when love dies out in the Human heart

When time hoary with age lies down upon the bosom of eternity and dies. CHRIST'S CHURCH WILL LIVE ON BECAUSE IT IT FOUNDED UPON A ROCK.

YEA AS LONG AS ETER. LAST AND GOD LIVES , THE CHURCH WILL ENDURE.

FEAR NOT THE HYDROGEN BOMB, JUST FLEE TO THE ROCK.

*Sub gods cly in me.*

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JESUS THE GREATEST PERSONALITY OF THE BIBLE AND TIM  
TYPES AND SHADOWS, POINT TO QUALITY OF HIS CHARATTE  
A ROCK. MOSES- THE LERGEON-NEBUCHADNEZZAR DREAM-  
NATURE OF ROCK- COMMON-CHEAP-ABUNDANT.

THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.

STABILITY OF A PERSON- LIKE A ROCK

~~WATER~~ PUREST AND COLDEST FROM A ROCK

WELL DIGGERS LONG AGO.(ANCIENT LAND,ARK)

ROCK LIKE QUALITY OF THE KINGDOM.

BUILD MY CHURCH ON A ROCK.

CHRIST A LIVING STONE, ALL MEMBERS LIVING STONES

IMPOSSIBLE FOR A STONE TO LIVE.

THE STONES OF THE WAYSIDE CRYING OUT.

THE TRIUMPH OF THE KINGDOM.

NOTHING CAN DESTROY.

MOSES IN THE CLEFT OF THE ROCK.

WE ARE HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD.

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on the day of His wrath.  
they will cry to rocks to  
fall but they will not

only in the Rock of ages  
will we be safe

ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME  
LET ME HIDE MYSELF IN THEE  
LET THE WATER AND THE BLOOD  
FROM THY WOUNDED SIDE WHICH FLOWED  
BE OF SIN THE DOUBLE CURE  
SAVE FROM WRATH AND MAKE ME PURE.

WHILE I DRAW MY FLEETING BREATH  
WHEN MY EYES ARE CLOSED IN DEATH  
WHEN I RISE TO WORLDS UNKNOWN  
AND BEHOLD THEE ON THY THRONE  
ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME  
LET ME HIDE MYSELF IN THEE