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THE STORY OF THE ROCK

I will tell you of a rock. Ancient, but strong and mighty, who, in its time, has offered safe haven, provision, and foundation for those who sought their help by it. It stands where it has always stood, and proceeds forth from a great mountain, but was not hewn out by the hand of men. In times past, men have found shade by it and shelter in it, for there is a great cleft in its midst which may shelter multitudes from the brightness of the sun, which will otherwise burn them up. New born and children are found under its shadow, for it is a rock of protection, a rock of salvation.

This being so, it also must be said, that it has been a rock despised, a rock that has caused men to stumble and fall, indeed a rock that has landed upon them to utterly crush them, and will do so again. However, it should be primarily viewed as a life giving rock. For at one point, when the dryness of the land that surrounded it was great, and those in its presence were fit only to wither before it, it cracked open and there flowed a river of life for the thirst of the needy. I know it to be the truth, that it has been flowing forth ever since.

After this time it was used in solemn ceremony, to lay an offering upon, and then, it was not water, but fire that burst forth from it to consume the flesh. This was that men might learn the picture of it, that pointed ahead.

On many occasion, the surrounding land has become like miry clay and dangerous quicksand, and the season has come, in which men are called to find the rock as a foundation for their feet, and those that hear the call and find it will no longer become ensnared and sink in a world of trouble, sucking them under.

Men have been made aware of the rock. Many anointed messengers have been sent to tell of its unequalled characteristics, unsurpassed qualities and attributes, making it the perfect rock for the great need, longing and desire of men. But the message has not been heeded, and many have hid their faces from it, lest they come into its light and are shamed. The rock has been rejected by the builders, who have built upon other foundations, and their folly has been exposed in the end as their buildings crumble around them.

The rock has stood through the centuries of man, through wind, and wave, and storm, immoveable, unchangeable, sure. Men have been brought from far to see it, and trust it, for it is most worthy.

Others have set their faces against it, as it has been an offence to them because they stumbled by it. In these last days, it has become a corner and capstone, and a great church has been built upon it. Buildings that were overrun by vermin, and squatters, and overgrown with weeds, so no light was found from within, have been set upon the rock restored and cleaned. The ground cleared, the devilish dwellers thrown out and the building made secure. This is the only rock for men and women, boys and girls to put their faith in, for it has stood as the Ancient of Days, and man's wickedness has been before it throughout the ages.

The lesson from the rock is a simple one; take shelter by it, hide yourself within it for safety, heed its ceremony, look to it for sure footing and for building your life upon. Take not offence at it or turn yourselves from it, or it will surely cause you to stumble and utterly fall and it will come upon you and fire break forth from it to crush and consume forever. Men have continued to despise it and tried to remove it, in order to set up others, but it was set against them from the beginning, and their folly will be laid bare, for there is no other, and what is like unto it?

Find the rock, don't run and hide from it, or in the day when all things shall be judged, its shadow will not cover you and you will be found outside, and will wither before the judgement.

1 Corinthians 10

- ¹Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
- ²And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- ³And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- ⁴And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: **and that Rock was Christ.**

