







Dear Brothers & Sisters

With our Lord's help. It is my intention for this issue to combine the lines of some well known hymns with verses with the word stone in them. Rocks are spoken throughout Scripture. some with good connotations, some not so good.

On Christ salvation rests secure: The Rock of Ages must endure: Nor can that faith be overthrown Which rests upon the Living Stone.

"Moreover, brethren, I would not that we should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea: ...And did all drink the same spiritual drink:: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." 10:1&4).

"To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious." (1 Peter 2:4).

No other hope shall intervene: To Him we look, on Him we lean: Other foundations we disown. And build on Christ, the Living Stone.

"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." (Hebrews 6:19).

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." (Isaiah 28:16).

"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed." (1 Peter 2:7& 8).

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is layed, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble, every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall

declare it., because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward." (1 Cor. 3:11-14).







In Him, it is ordained to raise
A temple to Jehovah's praise.
Composed of all the saints, who own
No Saviour but the "Living Stone.

"I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter (little stone), and upon this rock (Christ) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18).

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:19 –22).

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." (Rev.2:17).

View the vast building, see it rise; The work how great! The plan how wise! O wondrous fabric! Power unknown! That rears it on the "Living Stone"

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:50.

"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" 1 Cor. 6:19).

But most adore His precious name; His glory and His grace proclaim: For us condemned, despised, undone, He gives Himself, the "Living Stone" come

"And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;... And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." (Luke 19:37 7 40).

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal." (Rev. 21:10 & 11).

The cross still stands unchanged, Though heaven is now His home; The mighty stone is rolled away, But yonder is His tomb!

"And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed." (Matt. 27:60).

"And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?" (Mk. 16:3).

"Behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it..., And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. (Matt. 28:2, 5 & 6).

Some other references to stones follow---

- 1."And when he (Jesus) had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:3 & 4
- 2. "For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it." (Hab. 2:11

Rock of Ages cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save ,and Thou alone.

----Thomas Hastings

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