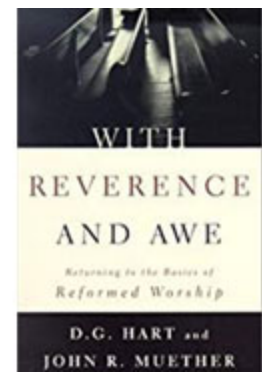


# The Rock and Pit

*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,

Collected by Dean Brown



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## **Believers at Worship.**

When believers gather as a disciplined communion of saints, God is present among his people in a way different from his presence in our regular daily lives. The church is ... called out of this world to honor and worship God, and to receive his mercy and blessing. While God is always and everywhere present among his people, his presence is special and unique in public worship on the Lord's Day. To come to worship is to meet him in the holy of holies.

Of course, this gathering between God and his people is not a meeting among equals. For this reason we must regard worship as a solemn assembly and be very careful about how we conduct ourselves before God. ...

The heart of our covenantal relationship with God is found in God's promise to Abraham: "I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you." (Gen 17:7)

D. G. Hart and John R. Muether,  
*With Reverence and Awe: Returning to the Basics of Reformed Worship*,  
P&R 2002, p. 91-93.

<sup>23</sup> *But this command I gave them: 'Obey my voice, and*

***I will be your God, and you shall be my people.***

*And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.'* Jer. 7:23.

The glorious highlighted phrase is reinforced by N. T. repetition, with a change of pronouns from "you" to "they", in both 2 Cor. 6:16 and Heb. 8:10.