

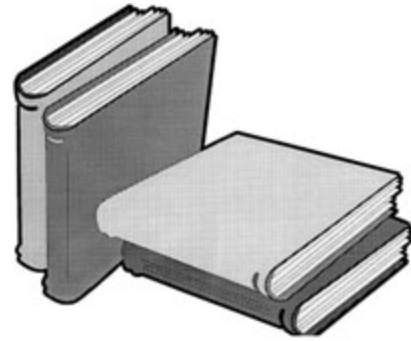
# The Rock and Pit

*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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## **We Want Nothing New.**

A third lesson from John 6:1-14,  
The feeding of the 5000.

We have, lastly, *a lesson about the sufficiency of the Gospel for the wants of all mankind.* We see the Lord Jesus supplying the hunger of a huge multitude of five thousand men. The provision seemed, at first sight, utterly inadequate for the occasion. To satisfy so many craving mouths with such scanty fare, in such a wilderness, seemed impossible. But the event showed that there was enough and to spare. There was not one who could complain that he was not filled.

There can be no doubt that **this was meant to teach the adequacy of Christ's Gospel to supply the necessities of the whole world.** Weak, and feeble, and foolish, as it may seem to man, the simple story of the Cross is enough for all the children of Adam in every part of the globe. The tidings of Christ's death for sinners, and the atonement made by his death, is able to meet the hearts and satisfy the consciences of all nations, and peoples, and kindreds, and tongues. Carried by faithful messengers, it feeds and supplies all ranks and classes. ...

Let us never doubt for a moment, that **the preaching of Christ crucified, the old story of His blood, and righteousness, and substitution, is enough** for all the spiritual necessities of all mankind. It is not worn out. It is not obsolete. It has not lost its power.

**We want nothing new**, nothing more broad and kind, nothing more intellectual, nothing more efficacious. **We want nothing but the true bread of life which Christ bestows**, distributed faithfully among starving souls. Let men sneer or ridicule as they will. Nothing else can do good in this sinful world. No other teaching can fill hungry consciences, and give them peace. ... We must feed on Christ crucified, and the atonement made by His death, or we shall die in our sins.

J. C. Ryle, Commentary on John, 1865, p. 325.