

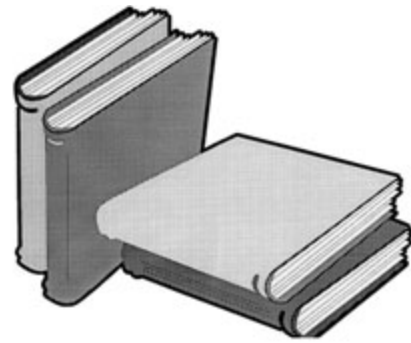
# The Rock and Pit

*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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## **Marcus Loane (1911-2009), Anglican Bishop and Primate of Australia.**

[Marcus] Loane was possibly the first prominent evangelical since J. C. Ryle (Anglican evangelical bishop and author, 1816-1900) **to teach history with the primary aim of demonstrating the impact of Biblical truth.** ... Loane's history ... was a powerful vehicle by which [he] communicated his message.

**Loane regarded the Christian faith, both in Scripture and in history, as a message to be preached.** ... He wanted his students and his readers to be inspired with greater devotion to Christ. This is a theme to which true Christians are inevitably drawn ...

In recalling his youth, he noted how, during a week in which illness confined him to bed, he read **J. C. Ryle's *Expository Thoughts on the Gospel of John*** [in the church library]. **'It was the first commentary I had ever tried to read and it soon absorbed my mind and heart so completely that I could not put it aside.'** ...

As Archbishop Jensen concluded in his tribute:

He was godly, he was courteous; he was a man amongst men ...

He was a man of the Bible ... He seemed so strong; it was as if he was indestructible and that death could never claim him, that his comforting and guiding presence would be virtually permanent.

But he knew better; he never thought that any accomplishments were through human strength.

He is gone. We thank God for him, and we thank God that his witness remains.

Ian H Murray,  
From a review article of a new biography of Loane  
published in 2015 in Australia.  
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