

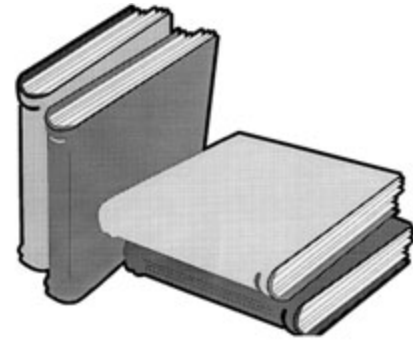
The Rock and Pit

*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,

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John 5:28-29 (KJV) ²⁸ *Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,* ²⁹ *And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

“The hour is coming”. **This means the last day.** To use the present tense of a time so distant as this is characteristic of one who is very God, to whom time past, time present, and time to come are all alike, and a thousand years are as one day.

“All that are in the graves shall ...” These words ... contain one of the most distinct statements in scripture of that great truth, **the resurrection of the dead. It shall be universal and not confined to a few only.** ... His “voice” shall be the call that shall summon the dead from their graves. There shall be a distinction of those who **rise again into two classes. Some shall rise to glory and happiness ... Some shall rise to be lost and ruined forever.** ... The **doings of men** shall be the test by which their final state shall be decided. ...

This passage condemns those who fancy that this world is all, and that this life ends everything, and that the grave is the conclusion. They are awefully mistaken.

This passage condemns those who try to persuade us in the present day that there is no future punishment, no hell, no condemnation ...

This passage condemns those who try to make out that resurrection is the peculiar privilege of believers and saints, and that the wicked will be punished by complete annihilation. ...

This passage condemns those who try to make out that men’s lives and conduct are of little importance so long as they profess to have faith and believe in Christ. ...

Calvin remarks that our Lord is not here speaking of the cause of salvation, but of the marks of the saved, and that one great mark which distinguishes the elect from the reprobate is good doing.

As to the nature of risen bodies we are told nothing. ...

J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels*, John Vol 1 1865..