

Honey From The Rock

Dt.32:13

The original rock song?

Bees make honey ... in rock

Rock-hive: *safe; protective; accessible*

Canaan: God's gift. Ex.3:8

Rock is usually unproductive.

Sow seed on rock? Graze cattle...?

BUT: good for foundation, Mt.7

AND: good for honey ... and lessons

I. God Blesses His People

James 1:17, all the best...

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

God gives only the best.

His blessings sustain us in hard times...

health ... family ... friends ... job ... Word

Ps.19:10 – 1 Sm.14:24-30.

Eph. 1:3, ultimate blessing...

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ

Eph.2:1-3, ultimate disaster

¹ And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Eph.2:4,13, BUT...

⁴ **But God**, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved...)

¹³ **But now** in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ

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II. God Always Keeps His Promises – Especially If Impossible

Ro.4:20-21

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- Two strikes: ¹barren; ²age.

2 Cor.1:...20

- No matter how many promises God made, they are 'Yes' in Christ.
 - “Sorry: I promised something impossible”?
 - Lk.1, Zechariah, faith faltered.... Why?

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us

– Ro.5:6-8

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III. God Can Bring
Honey From Rock

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- **Israel: Ps.81**
 - Honey never helped this rock...
 - **Israel took blessings for granted.**
 - Judges 14, Samson
 - Dt.32:15, 18, 30, 31, 37 . . . Jn.4:22
 - Nu.16:13-14; apostles; Savior; church (Ac.13).
 - Ac.2, sinful Jews listened...?

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- **Wilderness wanderings...**
 - Manna. Ex.16 — how??
 - Water. Ex.17 —
 - Jordan, 2 K.5, leprosy
 - Bethesda, Jn.5, infirmity
 - Siloam, Jn.9, blindness
 - Sinners, 1 Pt.3, salvation

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- Nazareth, Jn.1
 - Lowest village gave world sweetest honey ever tasted. Ps.34:8

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- **Hopeless, unproductive sinners . . .**
 - Sinful woman, Lk.7
 - Servants, Lk.17:7-10
 - Samaritan, Lk.17:11-19
 - Zacchaeus, Lk.19
 - Widow, Lk.21
 - Saul, Ac.7,9; 1 Co.15:9-10 (Ac.9:26-27)

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■ Victory

- Moses, Ex.17, rod . . . stone
- Moses, Nu.20, with same rod, he fell
 - Ac.5, liars
 - 1 Co.5, lascivious
- Joab, 2 Sm.24

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- **Victory**

- Jesus, on cross: 'Rock of ages'
- 1 Co.10:4, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

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- Jesus, on cross: ‘Rock of ages’
- 1 Co.10:4
- Mt.16:18, And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

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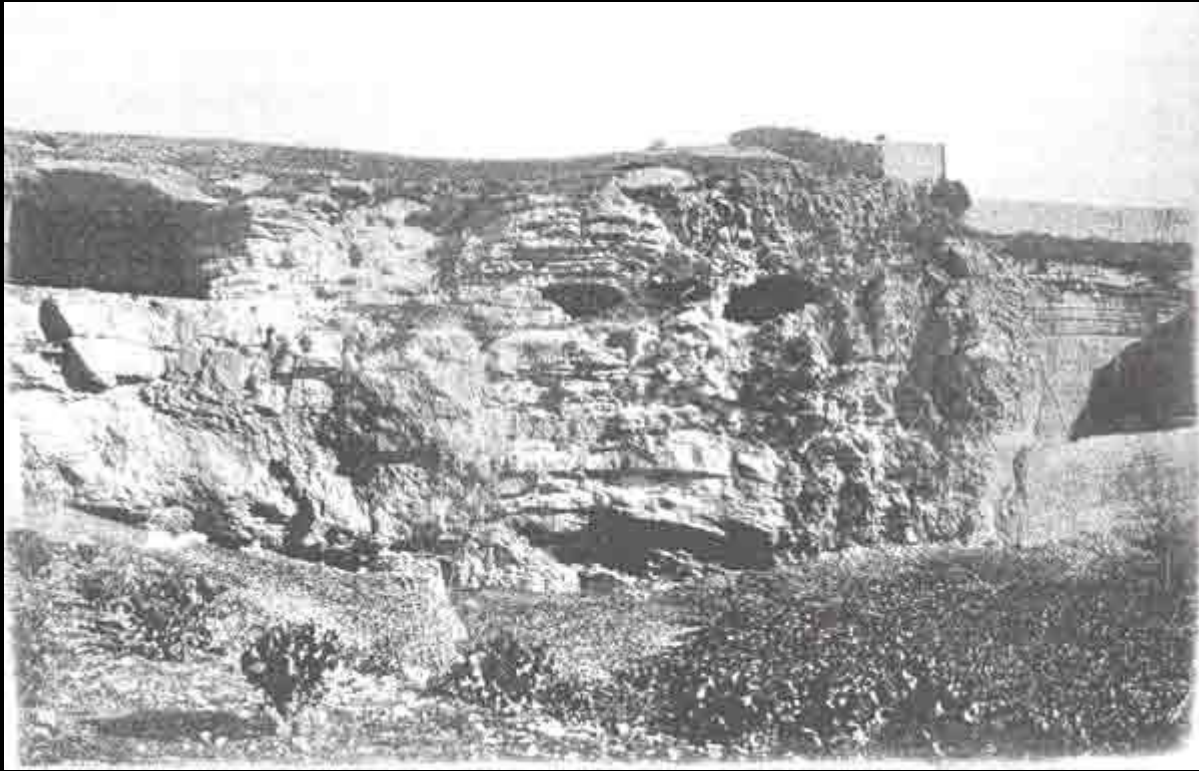
■ Victory

■ Jesus, on cross: ‘Rock of ages’

- 1 Co.10:4
- Mt.16:18

- Lk.23:33, And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

Gordon's Calvary



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■ Jesus, on cross: 'Rock of ages'

- 1 Co.10:4

- Mt.16:18

- Lk.23:33

- Lk.23:53, Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before

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- 1 Pt.2:8, "*A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.*" They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

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 - 1 Pt.2:8
 - 1 Co.1:17-18, 23
- Stephen, Ac.7

Ezk.2:8 . . . 3:1-3

- Sweet Word . . . Followed by bitter
- Ezk.3:12-27, watchman's responsibility
 - God's word is honey
 - Israel's reaction – house of rebellion (2:8)
- Sweetest news in world (*gospel*)
 - Many reject it. Acts 7