

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.—Psalm lxii. 7.

“LEAN ON THE ROCK!”



WAS climbing the summit of a high mountain in Switzerland. There was no great difficulty about the ascent; nevertheless, here and there the path was narrow and slippery, and there were awkward turns to those whose footing was not very sure. Nearing the top, once or twice I found it hard work to proceed. But a friend was near, and he gave me a word of good counsel. On the left hand a rock jutted out, and was a convenient height; so my friend called out more than once, “Lean on the rock! Lean on the rock!” I took his advice, and I found it was not in vain. Step by step I pressed forward, and at last the height was gained. Never but once before had I seen so glorious a prospect. Far and near the eye rested on glaciers, or snow-covered peaks, or masses of bare rock that stood out grandly against the clear, blue sky. If there had been some trouble in the ascent, the toil was abundantly recompensed.

The message of my friend came home

to me in another sense. “Lean on the Rock!” I thought, Yes, this I must do. Along the journey of life—in every difficulty, sorrow or temptation—I must “lean on the Rock.” Till the end is gained; till the last step is taken, and I reach the rest of God’s people, I must ever *lean on the Rock*. I would repeat the message to every one who reads these words, “Lean on the Rock!”

You need the Rock. The path you tread will have its steep and dangerous places. In yourself you are weak, and prone to stumble and fall. A false step may be your destruction. You need a friend on whom you can rely. You need a Rock on which your soul can repose.

Christ is the Rock. As the Rock of Ages He stands out in a changing world as the one sure foundation and resting-place of the soul. He is a strong Saviour. He is mighty to save, mighty to uphold, mighty to sustain the weak and the weary. He is able to succour them that are tempted. He is able to save to the uttermost.

“*Lean on the Rock!*” Trust in this mighty, merciful One! He is close at hand. Just as the rock on which I leaned in climbing the mountain was near me—I had but to rest upon it, and I was safe—so is it with Jesus. Rely without wavering upon His faithful promise and everlasting love.

However heavy be the load of your sin, or the burden of your griefs and sorrows, roll it all upon Him, in the sure confidence that His mercy will cover all your sin, and His grace be more than sufficient for all sorrows. “Trust ye in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.” (Isaiah xxvi. 4).

REMEMBER THE
YOUNG MEN’S MEETING

Held every Saturday Evening,
AT 8 O’CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.—Psalm xxxi. 24.