

Doctrine of the Rock and Christ

1. The people were in a desperate situation and needed a Savior. Awakened sinners know they are in a desperate situation and know they need a Savior, even Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
 - *Psalm 106:47 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.*
2. The people were angry at Moses, the Law Giver. Sinners are angry at Christ, the Moral Law Giver.
3. Moses was inadequate to help the people, but God is not. So the LORD told Moses exactly what to do in order to solve the problem for salvation is of the LORD.
4. Moses was to smite the rock. That Rock was Christ.
 - *1 Corinthians 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*
5. The Rock of Horeb was smitten according to Divine design as the Rock of Ages was smitten because it pleased the Father.
 - *Isaiah 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*
6. Moses stroke the rock at Horeb, while Jesus was smitten at Calvary.
 - *John 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.*
7. The Lord knew prior to Calvary, He would be smitten.
 - *Matthew 26:31 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.*

“Oh Christ what burdens bowed Thy head,
 our load was laid on Thee,
 Thou stoodest in the sinner's stead
 bearest all my ill for me,
 A victim led Thy blood was shed,
 Now there is no load for me.

Jehovah bared his sword awake,
 Oh Christ it woke against Thee,
 Thy blood the flaming blade must slake,
 Thy heart its sheath must be.
 All for my sake, my peace to make,
 Now sleeps that sword for me.”

8. Once the rock at Horeb was smitten, there was water enough for all to drink. In Christ, there is sufficient water of life for every man, woman, and child to drink. Come to Christ. Drink and be satisfied.
 - *John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*
9. The water of Horeb was provided on the basis of grace. Christ and the salvation He brings is God’s gift of grace for the people of God.
 - *Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*
10. The water that came forth was a miracle, so Christ, all that He is, and all that He does. is miraculous.
 - *1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*
11. The water of Horeb was sufficient. Christ is sufficient for all who believe.
 - *Colossians 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*
12. The people of Israel did not comprehend how water was going to come from a smitten rock, and yet they were commanded to experience the goodness of God by faith. How Christ can atone for the sins of others may not be understood, but the salvation He gives can be enjoyed by faith.