

Grace Place Ministries, Inc.

Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God

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The Cleft of the Rock

Fanny Crosby, born in 1820, wrote more than 8,000 hymns with more than 100 million copies printed. She was also known for her teaching and her rescue mission work. She lost her sight because of an eye infection when she was just 6 weeks old. In spite of her disability, she memorized much of the Bible, taught at the New York Institute for the Blind; married one of the most famous organists who put the music to her lyrics; played the harp, piano, guitar and other instruments; was the first woman to address the U.S. Senate and made friendships with presidents! So....what's our excuse??

2Timothy 3:1 (AMP) **"But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble (hard to deal with and hard to bear)."** You think we might be in some perilous days?? Is there a place we can go to hide?? Absolutely!! It's called the cleft of the rock...and it's Psalms 91:1-2, **"He who dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust."** Ponder on these words that Fanny Crosby wrote from her hymn:

"He Hideth My Soul"

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,

A wonderful Savior to me;

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock

where rivers of pleasure I see.

Chorus: He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock

that shadows a dry thirsty land;

He hideth my life in the depths of His love,

and covers me there with His hand,

and covers me there with his hand.

In Exodus 33, we read about Moses wanting to see God's glory and God told him that He would let all His goodness pass before him but Moses would not be able to see His face so the Lord said in verse 21, **"Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. So, it shall be, while My glory passes by that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by."** Just think about Jesus on the Cross with His side pierced and open!! In these days of great shaking with many challenges and changes, one thing that comforts me and makes me feel safe and secure is the fact that our God NEVER changes.

Malachi 3:6, **"For I am the Lord, I change not." Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Psalms 90:2, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."**

Will our hearts be overwhelmed and faint in days ahead? Probably! But, Psalms 61:2 can encourage us...**"When my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the Rock that is higher than I."** We might make ourselves happy by singing some of those old hymns like:

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee" Or:

"On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand." Maybe this one:

"In Times like these you need a Savior. In times like these you need an anchor. Be very sure, be very sure, your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock. Chorus: This Rock is Jesus, yes He's the One! This Rock is Jesus, the only One! Be very sure, be very sure, your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock."



Our Heavenly Daddy promised us He will never fail or forsake us! That's our Anchor!!! Dark days are here and deep darkness will increase and cover the earth as stated in Isaiah 60:2, but in that same verse the Word says that **"we will arise and shine and the glory of the Lord will be on us and His glory will be seen upon us."** Gross darkness and God's glory going on at the same time!! Loved ones....we have some interesting and exciting and some scary days up ahead BUT our Glorious God is going to show up and show out for all those who love Him and look expectantly for His coming! Normal isn't coming back! Jesus is!!!

Sending my love and appreciation for your faithful prayers and support for Grace Place as we continue to feed and clothe and love on the multitudes!!!

Rhonda

Donation Drop Off Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-2:00pm

Total Served in July **2,009**

3 meals a week & groceries twice month

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help restock and carry out groceries on food pantry days (every 2nd & 4th Thursday) from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Email graceplacela@gmail.com if you'd like to help.

OUR CURRENT NEEDS:

Finances

School uniforms (all sizes)

School supplies

Men's jeans size 29-36

Full size towels

Shampoo/soap/deodorant

HP 962 xl Ink (black & color)

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