

DISCOVERY OF THE HARDEST STONE

Dear precious reader, since the inception of man's existence on planet earth, several geological discoveries have been made by man. Minerals like Gold, diamond, manganese, silver, stones and rocks etc have been discovered by man. Also, the ages of various rocks can be calculated, using special techniques. By the way, Geology is the scientific study of the EARTH'S crust, rock strata etc., and of the history of its development.

JOE, a newly employed & brilliant staff in such a research institute, was soon to be confronted with his FIRST major assignment from his **BOSS**.

His first task was; to '**IDENTIFY THE HARDEST STONE ON PLANET EARTH**'. "This task is too easy", he said, within himself silently, but boastfully.

His research work took him away from his family, exploring various remote areas, like the tallest mountains as well as the lowest valleys. Geographical areas of his study, also, included sea beds, the river beds, deserts, and also forests. These areas became his abode for years, all in an effort to achieve his ambition - make a name for himself, and also to please his Boss. Several years later, his boss was glad to see him again. JOE had returned with his research findings. In front of the boss, he stood, with the palm of his right hand laid on, stuck to his chest, tears rolling down his cheek, as he sobbed. Humbly, he said, "Sir, I have found it; it is here, and **I knew it not**". His boss was amazed, and asked him, "Where is it". He reiterated, "Sir, I have found it; it is here, and I knew it not", - pointing to his chest. Then, it dawned on the **BOSS** that JOE was referring to his **HEART - THE HARDEST STONE ON THE EARTH**.

God's word said in Zechariah. "Yea, they made their HEARTS as an ADAMANT STONE, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a **GREAT WRATH** from the LORD of hosts."

God's word said in Jeremiah. 17:9:"The HEART IS DECEITFUL above all things, and DESPERATELY WICKED: who can know it? 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings"
God's word said in Jeremiah. 23:29 Is not my word like as a FIRE? saith the LORD; AND LIKE A HAMMER THAT BREAKETH THE ROCK IN PIECES?

On earth, today, the heart of man is an adamant stone, deceitful above all things - the hardest stone. The only weapon capable of breaking this **rock or stone - the heart of man, is the hammer of God's word**.

Dear reader, in the above story, the **BOSS** is Jesus Christ. Perhaps, you are Joe or Josephine - looking far away for the hardest stone on earth. Do not look far, look inside YOU. IF **ONLY**, you will humbly go to Jesus Christ and say "SIR, I have found it, it is here, and **I knew it not**"; '**COME IN LORD**', your name will, promptly, enter the BOOK OF LIFE.

God's word said in Psalm 139:23 "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: **139:24** And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

God's word said in Psalm 101:7 "He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight."

God's word said in Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right

spirit within me. 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me."

Jesus said in Luke 16:15 "..., Ye are they which JUSTIFY YOURSELVES BEFORE MEN; but God knoweth your hearts: for THAT WHICH IS HIGHLY ESTEEMED AMONG MEN IS ABOMINATION IN THE SIGHT OF GOD."

Jesus said in Matt 16:26 "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Dear reader, Heaven is beckoning at YOU; grab the opportunity, and register as citizen NOW!

GOOD NEWS: No matter how great your **SINS** are, **YOU** can register for Heaven **TODAY**, right **NOW**, and right **HERE**. Isaiah 1:18, 19. **How?**

- Simply believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died and Resurrected for YOU, personally. Rom 10 : 9 -10
- Open your mouth and pray, audibly, a prayer of surrender to God, personally, accepting his Gift for you. Rom 10: 9 – 10, 13

DECISION FOR HEAVEN
IF YOU WANT TO BE WASHED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST , BE BORN AGAIN, AND ESCAPE FROM DEATH TO LIFE (John 5 : 24), THEN OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS .

- Lord Jesus Christ, I ACCEPT that I am a sinner. Rom 3:23, Is 64:6,, Ps 51:5

- I REPENT, confess , renounce and forsake my SINS, and receive your forgiveness 1 John 1 : 9, Heb 9:22, 12
- Wash my Sins away with your precious blood, shed on Calvary Cross for me.
- Lord Jesus Christ, come into my heart today and be my Lord and Savior. I dedicate the rest of my life to you Rev 3 : 20, Joshua 24 : 15b
- Thank you Jesus that I am now born again, and for saving me.*John3: 3*

PLEASE, CONFIRM YOUR DECISION AND COMMITMENT BY INDICATING

Your Name:.....

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Signature:.....

Date:.....

IMPORTANT: For you to remain in God's LOVE and grow spiritually;

- Read the Bible, especially the New Testament, focusing on the gospel of **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John** to know more about Jesus Christ and make Him your friend. 1 Peter 2 : 2. Pray always to God Luke 18 : 1
- Locate a Bible believing church where you can grow. Acts 2:47b
- Tell others about Christ, continually. Ezekiel 33 : 8

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