

Covenant

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“Behold, I will establish,” speaks Jehovah God.
And through all ages His decree remains.
The Covenant, eternal and unchanging as its Source
From generation unto generation He in faithfulness maintains.

We and our children, dwelling in a sweet communion
With Jehovah God, seed of the woman — sanctified
By Blood into the covenant in which first Adam dwelled —
God’s friend and servant — ’til through disobedience he died.

And we with him, partaking of the sin, the guilt,
The shame of violating this most blessed harmony
Stand in the garden, as God speaks unto His Own,
“Between the serpent and thy seed I will put enmity.”

And enmity becomes the blessed promise of His friendship;
Unchanged nor yet destroyed, it reaches still a higher plane.
Through Jesus Christ, Incarnate Word of God, and Mediator of the
Covenant,
We are received into the presence of His grace again.

Believers and their seed — through all the ages we have walked with
Him.
Partaking of His promise as the ages onward go
Receiving at baptism’s font the sign and seal of mercies ever sure
E’en as we bring by faith the children that He does bestow.

The lines are fallen unto us in places pleasant
Our goodly heritage apportioned by His gracious Hand.
What shall we render but a sacrifice of praise to Him,
Jehovah, our own God, Who makes His covenant promise stand.

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