

Dear Grace Church,

This Sunday, I'll begin preaching select passages from Hebrews on the theme of Applying the Covenant of Grace. I encourage you to read the book of Hebrews over and over again for familiarity in preparation for these messages. This Sunday, we'll take up verses 1-4. They are a marvelous introduction celebrating Christ through whom God has spoken his final word to the church in the present age. Hebrews presents Christ as the final prophet, final priest, and final king to satisfy all the offices necessary for Him to be the mediator of the final covenant, or the last and fullest revelation of the Triune God through the covenant of grace.

So please read the book of Hebrews if possible, in a single sitting. Then read and re-read 1:1-4 slowly, carefully, thoughtfully, and prayerfully. Read the outline and ponder the verses with the use of the outline.

Finally, please pray for me as I prepare the message and my soul to do the greatest good for you for God's glory.

Seeking to celebrate Christ together with you,

Murray

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THE COVENANT OF GRACE APPLIED

**“Celebrating the Son through whom God
Has Spoken His Final Word”**

Hebrews 1:1-4

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ²has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high ⁴having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. (NKJV)

I. Come Face-to-Face with the God who Speaks (1-2a)

II. Consider the Essential Glory of the Son of God (2b-3a)

III. Consider the Glorious Works of the Son of God (3b-3c)

IV. Kneel Before the Exalted Son of God (3d-4)

Grace Welcomes You

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Face to Face

Face to face with Christ, my Savior,

Face to face what will it be?

When with rapture I behold Him,

Jesus Christ Who died for me?

Face to face I shall behold Him,
Far beyond the starry sky
Face to face in all His glory,
I shall see Him by and by!

Only faintly now I see Him,
With the darkened veil between
But a blessed day is coming,
When His glory shall be seen

Face to face I shall behold Him,
Far beyond the starry sky
Face to face in all His glory,
I shall see Him by and by!

What rejoicing in His presence,
When are banished grief and pain
When the crooked ways are straightened,
And the dark things shall be plain

Face to face I shall behold Him,
Far beyond the starry sky
Face to face in all His glory,
I shall see Him by and by!

Face to face, oh, blissful moment!
Face to face to see and know
Face to face with my Redeemer,
Jesus Christ Who loves me so

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Psalm 150(Praise The Lord)

You made the starry hosts,
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders,
The earth, it is Your throne
From desert to the sea,
All nature testifies Your splendor

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness, All creation
Praise the Lord.
Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath,
Praise the Lord

You reached into the dust,
In love, Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness,
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds,
To join the everlasting chorus

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness, All creation
Praise the Lord.
Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath,
Praise the Lord

Let symphonies resound,
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship,
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King,
A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness, All creation
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west
You distant burning stars,
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore,
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath,
Praise the Lord

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore;

Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice; rejoice,
Again I say, rejoice!

The Lord Our Savior reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above;

Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice; rejoice,
Again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules over earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given;

Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice; rejoice,
Again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come,
And take His servants
Up to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice; rejoice,
Again I say, rejoice!

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at His voice

All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne

Come let us adore Him

Behold our King nothing can compare

Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?

Who can question any of His Words?

Who can teach the One who knows all things?

Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore

Men: You will reign forever
Women: Let Your glory fill the earth

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God, The Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

God, the uncreated one,

The author of salvation

Wrote the laws of space and time,

And fashioned worlds to his design

The one whom angel hosts revere,
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand,
Knows the heart of every man

He is King forever,
He is King forever
He is King forevermore

God, our fortress and our strength,
The rock on which we can depend
Matchless in his majesty,
His power and authority

Unshaken by the schemes of man,
Never-changing, Great I Am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall,
He is faithful through it all

Crown him King forever,
Crown him King forever
Crown him King forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh,
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries,
Did pierce the lowly prince of peace

Lifted high, the sinless man,
Crucified, the spotless lamb
Buried by the sons of man,
Rescued by the father's hand

To reign as King forever,
Reign as King forever
Reign as King forevermore

King eternal, God of grace,
We crown you with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore,
You're holy, holy, holy, Lord

What joy in everlasting life,
All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise,
At the name of Jesus Christ

King of kings forever,
King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

King of kings forever,
King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

Christ The True And Better

Christ the true and better Adam,
Son of God and Son of man
Who, when tempted in the garden,
Never yielded, never sinned
He who makes the many righteous,
Brings us back to life again
Dying, He reversed the curse, then,
Rising, crushed the serpent's head

Christ the true and better Isaac,
Humble son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain,
There to offer up his life
Laid with faith upon the altar,
Father's joy and only son
There salvation was provided,
Oh what full and boundless love

Amen, amen,
From beginning to end
Christ the story,
His the glory
Alleluia, amen

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From beginning to end
Christ the story,
His the glory
Alleluia, amen

Christ the true and better Moses,
Called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers,
God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to heaven,
See the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever,
Cleansed with blood we pass now through

Amen, amen,
From beginning to end
Christ the story,
His the glory
Alleluia, amen

Christ the true and better David,
Lowly shepherd, mighty King
He the champion in the battle,
Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered,
Crown Him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever,
We shall e'er His people be

Amen, amen,
From beginning to end
Christ the story,
His the glory
Alleluia, amen

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