

SERMON NOTES: “The Living and Enduring Word”
1 Peter 1:22-25

Mr. Charles Hart



THE LORD’S DAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

TODAY’S FOCUS: THE REDEMPTIVE WORD OF GOD

INTRODUCTION: God’s Redemptive Word in Christ

I. The Living Word Creates New Life

II. “Oceans Rise, Empires Fall”

III. The Enduring Word Empowers Enduring Hope

REFLECTION: “He sent redemption to His people;
He has commanded His covenant *forever*.
Holy and awesome is His Name!”

Psalm 111:9

CALL TO WORSHIP: “The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
He frustrates the plans of the peoples.
The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of His heart to all generations.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom He has chosen as His heritage ...
We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.
In Him, our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy Name.
**(CONGREGATION) May Your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in You.**”

Psalm 33:10-12, 20-22

HYMNS: “O Praise the Name” and “O Great God”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYER: Isaiah 40:1-11; 51:1-6

HYMN: “He Will Hold Me Fast”

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN: “Speak, O Lord”

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HYMN: “How Firm a Foundation” (Stanzas, 1-4, 6) 94

BENEDICTION: “Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the
eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do
His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus
Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever.” *Hebrews 13:20-21*



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HYMN LYRICS

O PRAISE THE NAME

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I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet,
My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb,
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,
Messiah still and all alone.

***REFRAIN: O praise the Name of the Lord our God,
O praise His name forevermore.
For endless days, we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God!***

Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King. ***(Refrain)***

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing sun shall pierce the night,
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. ***(Refrain)***

O GREAT GOD

Bob Kaufflin; 2006 Sovereign Grace Praise; CCLI #3044672

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart,
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
Through the Gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace,
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Matthew Merker, 2013; CCLI #3044672

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

***REFRAIN: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.***

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. ***(Refrain)***

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! ***(Refrain)***

SPEAK, O LORD

Keith Getty & Stewart Townend; 2005; CCLI #3044672

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in Your likeness—
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority:
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds,
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged since the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory!

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

John Rippon, 1787; CCLI #3044672
(vss. 1-4, 6)

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul,
Though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

