

ant offspring of the people of God, and the duty of parents towards them.

Those who will carefully read these stanzas, and the numerous texts to which they refer as proofs, may be convinced, or established in the conviction—that, the Saviour warrants us to bring our children to his servants to have water poured or sprinkled upon them in his name, as a sign and seal of that covenant, whose promises thus run: “I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean . . . . A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you,” Ezek. xxxvi, 25, 26.

Little babe, I now receive thee *a*  
From thy Maker's bounteous hand,  
With his precious grace I leave thee, *b*  
May'st thou in His favor stand.

Weak and helpless, young and tender, *c*  
Thou'rt committed to my care; *d*  
While my thanks to God I render,  
Thou a parent's love shalt share.

Born in sin, in sin conceived, *e*  
Satan would destroy thy soul: *f*  
But by this my fear's relieved,  
Grace can Satan's wiles control. *g*

God's free Spirit in a twinkling, *h*  
Can display resistless power;  
Can apply the blood of sprinkling, *i*  
And thy ruin'd state restore. *k*

There, a gracious God, has lent me,  
For thy precious soul I feel;  
Back to God I now present thee, *l*  
To receive a holy seal. *m*

This shall seal the cov'nant to me  
In which God has thus agreed,  
“I will be a God both to thee; *n*  
“And a God unto thy seed.”

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, *o*  
If I truly faithful be, *p*  
Stand engag'd thro' Jesus' merit, *q*  
To bestow free grace on thee. *r*

Blessed cov'nant, what extension! *s*  
Grace abounding over sin! *t*  
O the glorious condescension,  
Thus to take our infants in! *u*

*a* Psalm 127: 3.  
*b* Prov. 20: 7.  
*c* Gen 33: 13.  
*d* 1 Chron. 22: 5  
*e* Psalm 51: 5.  
*f* 1 Peter, 5: 3.  
*g* Luke 11: 22.  
*h* Psalm 110: 3.  
*i* Heb. 12, 24.  
*k* 1 Peter, 1, 2.

*l* Luke 2: 22.  
*m* Rom. 4: 11  
*n* Gen. 17: 7, 10.  
*o* Gen. 17: 1  
*p* Gen. 19: 19.  
*q* Gen. 22: 17.  
*r* Isaiah 44: 3.  
*s* Gen. 26: 4, 5.  
*t* Rom. 5: 20.  
*u* Mark 10: 14.

*v* Acts 16: 15, 33.  
*w* Acts 2: 39.  
*x* Psalm 37: 26.  
*y* Gen. 17. 11.  
*z* Gen. 17. 7.  
*aa* Rom. 11. 16—25.  
*bb* Luke 18: 15, 16.  
*cc* Rom. 11: 17.  
*dd* 1 Cor. 7: 14.  
*ee* Mat. 19: 14.  
*ff* Gen. 17: 14, with  
*gg* Acts 2: 39.

*hh* & Rom. 11: 17.  
*ii* Eph. 6: 4.  
*kk* Psalms 119: 32.  
*ll* Deu. 6: 7.  
*mm* Deu. 5: 29.  
*nn* Eccl. 11: 6.  
*oo* Prov. 19: 15.  
*pp* Prov. 22: 15.  
*q* Prov. 23: 13, 14.  
*rr* Prov. 29: 17.  
*ss* Eph. 2: 8, 9.

Still no cause we find to sever *v*  
Parents from their children, dear;  
Both united, still together *w*.  
In the gracious promise share. *x*

Of God's cov'nant as the token, *y*  
Abram's sons were circumcis'd;  
If the cov'nant be not broken, *z*  
Infants now may be baptiz'd.

'Twas the olive once did nourish *aa*  
Jews, rejected now for sin;  
On the same the Gentiles flourish  
Now thro' faith engrafted in.

If believers, for their offspring, *bb*  
Then had heavenly blessings seal'd,  
Thus believers are in nothing  
From such blessings now withheld.

Jews the olive sap and sweetness *cc*  
Did enjoy for Jesus' sake,  
Of its precious root and fatness  
Holy Gentiles still partake.

Children still are holy named *dd*  
From the parent, who believes;  
Surely then we must be blamed,  
If we slight when Christ receives. *ee*

Hearing what the word has told me, *ff*  
Precious babe, a call I find,  
In the arms of faith to hold thee, *gg*  
To receive the seal design'd. *hh*

O for grace to make me careful  
All my duty to discharge; *ii*  
Humble I shall be, and prayerful,  
If the Lord my heart enlarge. *kk*

Daily I would be instilling *ll*  
Heav'nly truths into thy mind; *mm*  
If a gracious God be willing, *nn*  
These my heart at length shall find.

Sharp corrections, if required *oo*  
For thy failings thou must feel, *p*  
To promote the end desired, *q*  
And preserve thy soul from hell. *r*

Still with God's free grace I leave thee,  
When my duty all is done, *s*  
His free grace alone must save thee,  
For the sake of Christ his son.