

# He Still Speaks

Hebrews 11:4

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the heavens and the earth.**

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**Let us make man in our image**

**Genesis 1:26**

- Let us make man in our image: Genesis 1:26
- A God who didn't choose to be God without creation and humankind

**And they heard the sound of Jehovah  
God walking in the garden**

**Genesis 3:8**

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**To Him who alone does great wonders,  
for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**Psalm 136:4**

- Why?
  - He loved us into existence.
- Psalms 136:1-9 (ESV) 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; 4 to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; 5 to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; 6 to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; 7 to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; 8 the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; 9 the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

**This was according to the eternal purpose  
that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord**  
Ephesians 3:11

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**put on the new self, which is being renewed  
in knowledge after the image of its creator.**

**Colossians 3:10**

- Colossians 3:10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
- Created in His image to be renewed in His image

**our fellowship is with the Father and  
with his Son Jesus Christ.**

**1 John 1:3**

- 1 John 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.



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- God wants to be with man, walks among us still, seeking...
- Not man who is “forced” or predestined to believe and trust
- But man who chooses to trust in him.

**Suppose ten are found there.**

**Genesis 18:32**

- Genesis 18:23-25 (ESV) 23 Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”
- Genesis 18:32 (ESV) 32 Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

**Run to and fro through the streets of  
Jerusalem, look and take note! Search  
her squares to see if you can find a  
man, one who does justice and seeks  
truth, that I may pardon her.**

**Jeremiah 5:1**

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**And I sought for a man among them  
who should build up the wall and  
stand in the breach before me for the  
land, that I should not destroy it, but I  
found none.**

**Ezekiel 22:30**

- Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.

**Oh that you had paid attention to my  
commandments!**

**Isaiah 48:18**

- Faithless Israel ... gives hope
- Isaiah 48:17-19 (ESV) 17 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. 18 Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments!

**Then your peace would have been like  
a river, and your righteousness like the  
waves of the sea**

**Isaiah 48:18**

- Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; 19 your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me.”

**Ask a sign of Jehovah your God; let it  
be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.**

**Isaiah 7:10-11**

- Isaiah 7:10-11 (ESV) 10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: 11 “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

**I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation  
that was not called by my name.**

**Isaiah 65:1**

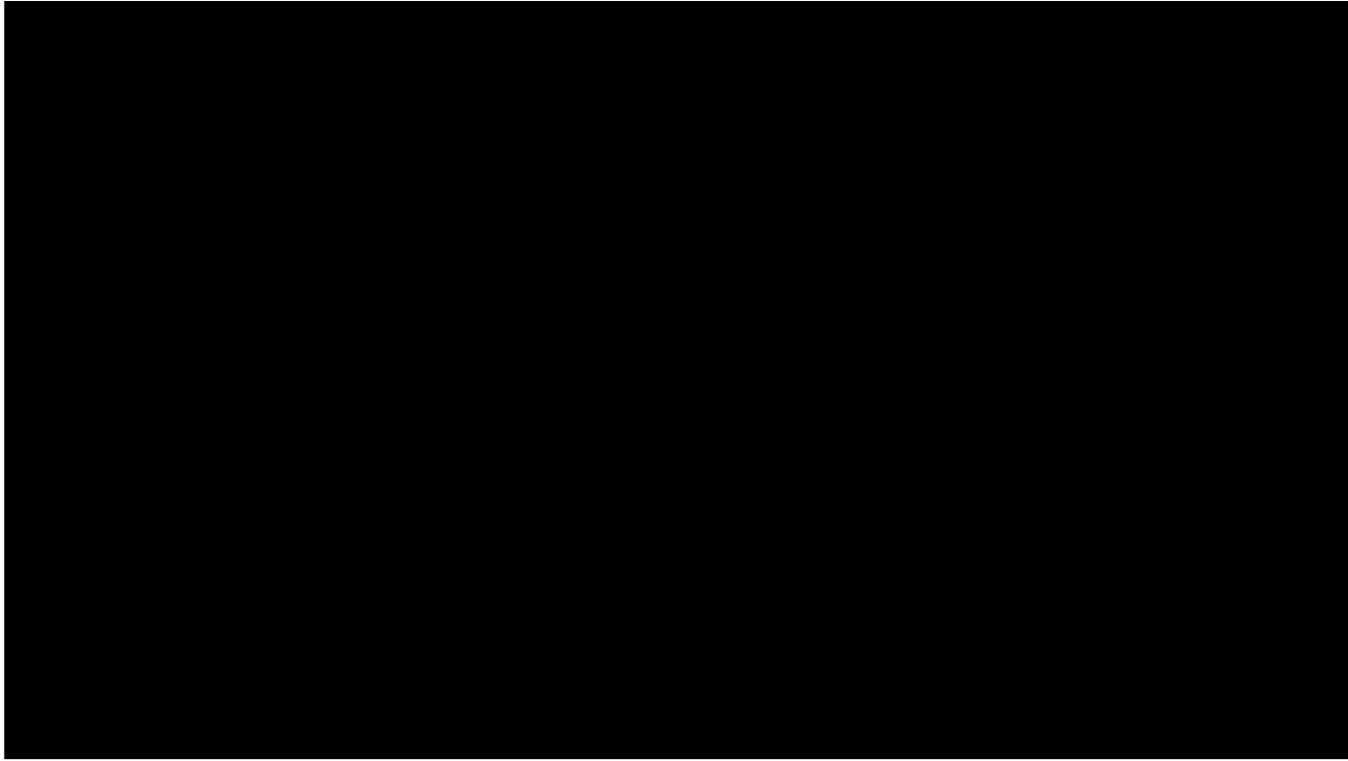
- Isaiah 65:1-3 (ESV) 1 I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that was not called by my name.



**I spread out my hands all the day to a  
rebellious people ... who provoke me  
to my face continually**

**Isaiah 65:2-3**

- 2 I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; 3 a people who provoke me to my face continually,



- God did find some...
- Hebrews 11 tells of men who trusted in God, lived righteously, obeyed when obeying wasn't easy
- Their faith still speaks to us

**God commending him by accepting his gifts.**  
**Hebrews 11:4**

- Hebrews 11:4 (ESV) By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

**But Noah found favor in the eyes of Jehovah.**  
Genesis 6:8

- Genesis 6:8-9 (ESV) 8 But Noah found **favor** in the eyes of the Lord. These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

**“Have you considered my servant Job,  
that there is none like him on the earth?”**

**Job 1:8**

- Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.
- Job 1:8 (ESV) And Jehovah said to Satan, “Have you considered **my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth**, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?”

**He considered that God was able  
even to raise him from the dead**

**Hebrews 11:19**

- Hebrews 11:17-19 (ESV) 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**Jehovah is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.**

**Psalm 23:1**

- Psalms 23:1: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**And he said to them, “Why are you  
afraid, O you of little faith?”**

**Matthew 8:26**

- Matthew 8:23-27 (ESV) 23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. 25 And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” 26 And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?”



**Then he rose and rebuked the winds and  
the sea, and there was a great calm.**

**Matthew 8:26**

- Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

**the waters that were gathered  
together he called Seas.**

**Genesis 1:9-10**

- Genesis 1:9-10 (ESV) 9 And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

**I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it.**

**Jeremiah 5:22**

- Jeremiah 5:22 (ESV) Do you not fear me? declares Jehovah. Do you not tremble before me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it.

**He rebuked the Red Sea, and it  
became dry, and he led them through  
the deep as through a desert.**

**Psalms 106:9**

- Psalms 106:7-12: Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. 8 Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power.

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**Psalms 106:9**

- 9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and he led them through the deep as through a desert. 10 So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy. 11 And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left. 12 Then they believed his words; they sang his praise.

**Ah, the thunder of many peoples; they  
thunder like the thundering of the sea!**

**Isaiah 17:12**

- Isaiah 17:12-14 (ESV) 12 Ah, the thunder of many peoples; they thunder like the thundering of the sea! Ah, the roar of nations; they roar like the roaring of mighty waters!

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thunder like the thundering of the sea!**

**Isaiah 17:12**

- 13 The nations roar like the roaring of many waters, but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away, chased like chaff on the mountains before the wind and whirling dust before the storm. 14 At evening time, behold, terror! Before morning, they are no more! This is the portion of those who loot us, and the lot of those who plunder us.

**who stills the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples,**

**Psalms 65:7**

- Psalms 65:5-8 (ESV) 5 By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; 6 the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might



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**Psalms 65:7**

- 7 who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, 8 so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

**God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.**

**Psalms 46:1**

- Psalms 46:1-3 (ESV) 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah
- mountains - kingdoms, nations
- seas - society, world

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**Psalms 46:1**

- WE WILL NOT FEAR!
  - God created seas, boundaries, controls
  - A very present help
- I Trust HIM!

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- Picture this believer at some point in his life standing on top of the cliff
  - watching the huge waves building out there and then rushing toward him,
  - picking up speed and power as they come.
  - Imagine the shudder he feels in the ground when they thunder against the cliff face, again and again, unrelentingly,

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- threatening to bring down the entire mountain and him along with it.
- Think of him, then, looking landward, to his home, family, close personal friends and his nation and thinking of the irresistible forces lined up against them.

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- Psalms 46:4-7 (ESV) 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

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- Modern believers also sing that song.
  - We know them
  - They're intelligent, wide-eyed, politically aware, as realistic as any you could meet and
  - when they feel the shudder under their feet they take note of it and



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- get on with their business of world-transformation by righteously living, in all the ways they do that;
- they're some of the people, ancient and modern, who trust God by placing their faith in him.

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- They see disease, deprivation, economic collapse, entrenched and powerful evils are indeed mighty
- but they know and say GOD is Almighty.
- Gallant souls they are of whom the world isn't worthy.

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- Psalms 46:8-11 (ESV) 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. 10 “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

## Consider Him who endured

Hebrews 12:3

- Hebrews 12:2-3 (ESV) 2 looking to Jesus, **the founder and perfecter of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.
- No one ever trusted God like Jesus did!
  - Matthew 27:43 He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'

**For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.**

**2 Corinthians 8:9**

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**He came to his own, and his own  
people did not receive him.**

**John 1:11**

- John 1:11: He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
- questioned, tested, denied, plotted against
- The promised one, their redeemer, the one they waited on
- But they couldn't see, didn't want to see
- Showed them compassion: healing
- Showed them mercy: teaching
- Showed them grace and truth and life

**Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name."**

**John 12:27-28**

- John 12:27-28 (ESV) 27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."



**“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”**  
**Luke 23:46**

- Luke 23:46 (ESV) 46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

**I saw the Lord always before me, for he is  
at my right hand that I may not be shaken;**

**Acts 2:25**

- Acts 2:25-28 (ESV) 25 For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that **I may not be shaken**; 26 therefore my heart was **glad**, and my tongue **rejoiced**; my flesh also will dwell in **hope**. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; **you will make me full of gladness with your presence.**’
- Psalms 16:8-11

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at my right hand that I may not be shaken;**

**Acts 2:25**

- My Father can be trusted.
  - From beginning ... asked man to trust in Him.
  - A righteous few did
  - None like Jesus... trusted through troubles, loss, suffering, and death.
  - And Jesus was raised from the dead and exalted
- Acts 2:33: Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

**And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.**

**Matthew 8:26**

- 27 And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”
- Trust in the Father
  - When your life is stormy and nations are raging...
    - Remember who calms the sea
    - Who is worthy of your trust.
  - When you have sinned
    - Salvation: trust and obey
    - Confess: forgive
- Does your faith still speak?

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

Miscellaneous

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**"Let all that you do be done with love."**