

40. THE LIKENESS OF THE CREATION TO BAPTISM

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1. When God did cre - ate the plan - ets
 2. As a poor and help - less in - fant
 3. When He had all things cre - at - ed,
 4. But, a - las! man soon trans - gress - ed

Through His Word's al - might - y ten - ets,
 Lay the earth in ev - 'ry in - stant
 This great plan - et had com - plet - ed,
 And thus lost his Ed - en bless - ed;

Out of dark and si - lent night,
 Un - til light His Word did give.
 Last - ly He cre - at - ed man
 He be - lieved not God's true Word;

All the earth was void and cheer - less,
 God's true Spir - it on the wa - ters
 In the like - ness of His Mak - er,
 Stub - born - ly re - fused to hear it,

Till God's Word with might and clear - ness
Brought a - bout im - port - ant mat - ters
That he should be - ing a par - tak - er
Spurned the lead - ing of the Spir - it,

Filled it with His glo - rious light.
So that man on earth could live.
Of the good not gifts in bey His plan.
And would not o - bey the Lord.

5. God pronounced on man the sentence,
For his sin and disobedience
And his scorn of grace and faith!
Then to cleanse the earth of sinning
And to make a new beginning
He decreed a healing faith.

6. All bold sinners, helpless, crying,
In the deluge dread were dying,
Buried in one watery grave.
Death, begotten of transgression,
Comes to them without compassion,
And no one is found to save.

7. One alone did heed the warning,
One just man true wisdom learning
From the teaching of God's Word.
Noah, by God's hand delivered,
With his wife and children entered
In the cov'nant with the Lord.

8. This creation is reflected
Unto Christ and His elected
Who in this blest union stand;
Who by grace escape destruction,
Live no more to see corruption.
In baptismal grace they stand.