

53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
 3 O God of covenant and law, re-vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:
 your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de-liver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,

Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.
 re-fresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.
 as on our hearts you write a new the covenant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).