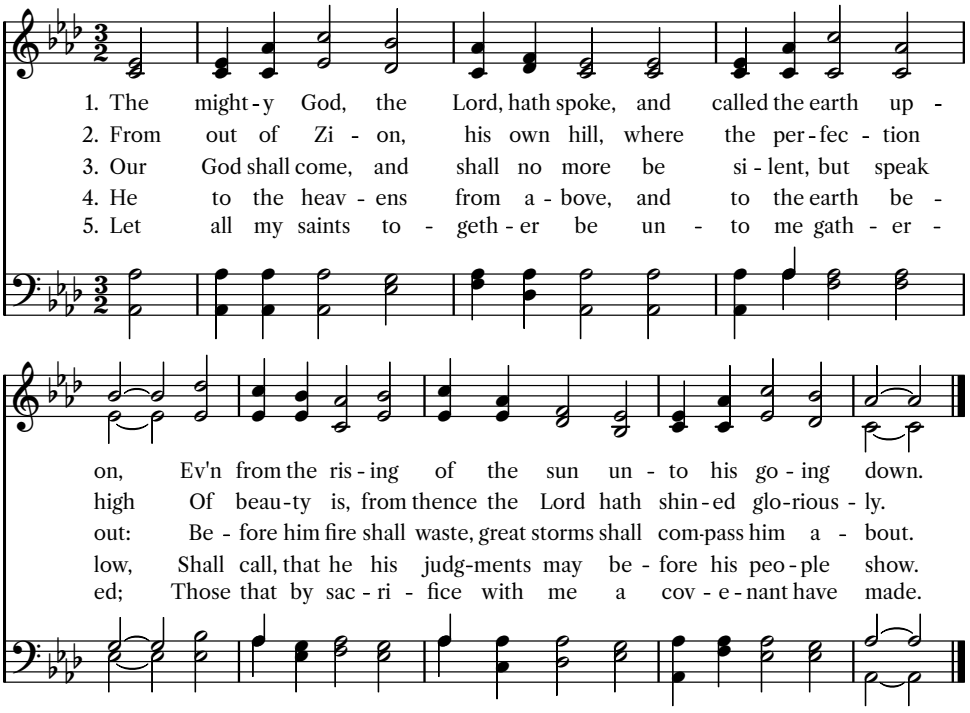
# The Mighty God, the Lord, Hath Spoke (Second Version)




6. And then the heavens shall declare
his righteousness abroad:
Because the Lord himself doth come;
none else is judge but God.

7. Hear, O my people, and I'll speak;
O Israel by name,
Against thee I will testify;
God, ev'n thy God, I am.

8. I for thy sacrifices few
reprove thee never will,
Nor for burnt-off'rings to have been
before me offered still.

9. I'll take no bullock nor he-goats
from house nor folds of thine:
For beasts of forest, cattle all
on thousand hills, are mine.

10. The fowls are all to me well known
that mountains high do yield;
And I do challenge as mine own
the wild beasts of the field.

11. If I were hungry, I would not
to thee for need complain;
For earth, and all its fulness, doth
to me of right pertain.

12. That I to eat the flesh of bulls
take pleasure dost thou think?
Or that I need, to quench my thirst,
the blood of goats to drink?

13. Nay, rather unto me, thy God,
thanksgiving offer thou:
To the Most High perform thy word,
and fully pay thy vow:

14. And in the day of trouble great
see that thou call on me;
I will deliver thee, and thou
my name shalt glorify.

15. But God unto the wicked saith,
Why should'st thou mention make
Of my commands? how dar'st thou in
thy mouth my cov'nant take?

16. Sith it is so that thou dost hate
all good instruction;
And sith thou cast'st behind thy back,
and slight'st my words each one.

17. When thou a thief didst see, then straight
thou join'dst with him in sin,
And with the vile adulterers
thou hast partaker been.

18. Thy mouth to evil thou dost give,
thy tongue deceit doth frame.
Thou sitt'st, and 'gainst thy brother speak'st,
thy mother's son to shame.

19. These things thou wickedly hast done,
and I have silent been:
Thou thought'st that I was like thyself,
and did approve thy sin:

20. But I will sharply thee reprove,
and I will order right
Thy sins and thy transgressions
in presence of thy sight.

21. Consider this, and be afraid,
ye that forget the Lord,
Lest I in pieces tear you all,
when none can help afford.

22. Who off'reth praise me glorifies:
I will show God's salvation
To him that ordereth aright
his life and conversation.

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