

*Ego Sum Azarias.* "I am Azarias, the uncreated happiness, the essential Beatitude of God, the created happiness of saints and angels for time and eternity, the joy, the consolation, the object of the divine complacency of My Father" ! *Beatitudo Dei!*

Lastly, "I am the Son of the great Ananias, consubstantial with God the Father, and like unto Him in all things, and I have descended from His Presence to thine impelled by the effusion of His overwhelming mercy." *Gratiæ, bonitatis et miserationis filius.*

Thus did Jesus reply to you on the happy morning when you met Him first, radiant in beauty ; and the experience of that day crowned and strengthened your faith. You believed Him, and falling upon your knees, like the youthful Tobias, you cried out, in adoration and love : " O Jesus, Son of God ! O Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, truly art Thou of noble lineage !"

But why is Jesus clad in the terrestrial garment of the Eucharist, Whose vesture is the Eternal Light ? Why this choice of common and material elements, where, though faith may pierce the veil that hides the radiance of His glory, sense alas, perceives only the poor and obscure appearance He has chosen ?

Why ? Because Jesus is the Guide of travellers. The very name applied to the Blessed Sacrament, implies also its end, its mission. Is not the Viaticum, the need of the way, the provision for the journey ? Was It not instituted that It might follow us everywhere, and attend us by sea and land, across all latitudes, from pole to pole ? Jesus is the Pilgrim of all others, Who hath here no lasting dwelling, Who abides in tents, *Tabernaculum*. Whose life is but a day, Who comes from Heaven and returns thither, lingering upon earth only to nourish, justify and sanctify us, and then to bring us safely to the eternal mansions of His Father, our own true home.

The Prophet hailed Him from afar under this title of Traveller and Pilgrim. He too, seemed to wonder that the Messiah, the Expected of Israel, should hide Himself under the symbolism of such a form, and says to Him, with a curiosity that excludes neither adoration nor love :

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