

And so in the passage in Philippians the Apostle presents the contrast Jesus Christ "humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even unto the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name," and proclaims the coming of that time when "Every knee should bow of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

This day, no doubt, will come, but I fear that we are far from it yet.

Again, the Apostle in Romans 14: 10, 11 thus refers to the honour to be done to our Lord: "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ; for it is written, As I live saith the Lord every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

Another reference to this blessed time of general allegiance to our God is found in Isaiah 45: 22, 23: "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."

There is no warrant to my mind from the verse in question for bowing or curtseying at the name Jesus in our Church service. It is a disturbing element interfering with spiritual service, and especially when the devout worshipper forgets to bow, and looks round to see if any person perceived his omission.

One exception may well be made in bowing in the service in the name of Jesus, and that is in the Creed. In