

save, we shall walk on the waves in triumph to him.

2nd. How are we to magnify the Lord?

(a.) By magnifying His words, *Ps.* 138-2, "Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." The pages of the Bible contain God's words to us, and we must set the inspired volume above the newspaper, the novel, and all the works of mere science and philosophy. This is God's message about himself and our duty to him. Here is the arrow of the Almighty for conviction, and the sword of the Spirit for the wounding of the proud heart. Here is the thunder of his threatenings and the still, small voice of his love. Here is light above that of the sun, and truth beyond the touch of error. This book is the gem of all histories. It is the sublimest of all philosophies. All musicians instinctively turn to the poetry of the Bible whenever their souls are stirred up to sing immortal strains. Here are thirty thousand promises fresh from the lips of Jehovah. This is the book which is rapidly flooding the earth with the knowledge of the Lord, and lifting up the nations. God is its author, and in magnifying his book we are all exalting and honouring himself. And as we are instructed in it by his spirit, we both come to know and have fellowship with its ever blessed author.

(b.) By magnifying his Son. *Acts* 19: 7. And the name of the Lord

Jesus was magnified. In the fullness of the times the Father sent his Son. Moses had been previously sent and he came bringing the law, but when Jesus came he brought in grace and truth. And Jesus was himself such a perfect revelation of the Father, that he was able to say to Philip, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." God had in former days spoken by the prophets, but in these latter days he spoke by his Son, and the light of the latter revelation is such in comparison with the former, that he that is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than the greatest of prophets. The Old Testament saints were looking out for the perfect man hidden somewhere in the ten commandments, but the disciples found him in the Christ who kept the law and made it honourable. They were looking for the wonderful seed of the woman embodied in all the promises and sacrifices and types, but Simeon and Anna found him in the child Jesus. He alone is the Light of the world and the Saviour of the nations. He alone is the perfect man, and the hero of all the centuries. Jesus said—*John* 5: 23—"he that honoureth not the Son, honoureth not the Father," and assuredly just as we believe in Christ and magnify him, so do we magnify the Father who sent him.

(c.) By magnifying his love and mercy. *Gen.* 19: 19: "And thou hast magnified thy mercy, etc." The love of God