

between thee and the woman, between thy seed and her seed," interposing, as it were, God's Holy Spirit, in the heart of man, to be a sword by which each creature has a power within himself, a conscience which warns us when we are allowing any temptation to soil our spirit with an impure thought or word or action. Well might S. Paul exclaim, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out," but man must never forget, that though he may overcome all the trials and temptations of the world he yet needs to be washed in his Saviour's blood. And to keep this always in our minds, God gave us another sacrament, to nourish and cherish the seed of spiritual life sown in the heart at baptism. By the careful and constant use of this sacrament, goodness grows as it were in the heart of man until he becomes a tree planted by the rivers of waters that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, Psalm i. And this tree, after it has *blossomed* here, will be translated to another and brighter sphere, never again to shed its leaves, but to be arrayed in fine linen, pure and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the Saints. Rev. xix. 6.

For the use of these sacraments and for the keeping of the Law God gave man a Priesthood. As I said before the first mention of the word priest is in Gen. xiv. 18. This priest was both a King and Priest, and instituted spiritually the Lord's Supper. The blessing of Abraham seems to have been a type of our ordination service. S. Paul tells us in Heb. vii. 3. that this priest was made like the Son of God, that he had neither beginning of days nor end of life, thus proving himself to be the Holy Spirit of God; he thus appeared spiritually to teach man that a