

inexpressibly great as entirely to overwhelm him, and he fell almost lifeless to the ground. When he revived a little, all he could do was to raise a fervent prayer that God would withdraw himself from him, or else he must perish under a view of his ineffable glory.

When able to reflect on his situation, he could but abhor himself as a weak and despicable worm, and seemed to be overcome with astonishment, that a creature so unworthy and insufficient had ever dared to attempt the instruction of his fellow-men in the nature and attributes of so glorious a Being.

Overstaying his usual time, some of his elders went in search of him and found him prostrate on the ground, unable to rise, and incapable of informing them of the cause. They raised him up, and after some time, brought him to the Church and supported him to the pulpit, which he ascended on his hands and knees, to the no small astonishment of the congregation. He remained silent a considerable time, earnestly supplicating Almighty God (as he told the writer) to hide himself from him, that he might be enabled to address his people, who were by this time lost in wonder to know what had produced this uncommon event. His prayers were heard, and he became able to stand up by holding the desk.

He now began the most affecting and pathetic address that the congregation had ever received from him. He gave a surprising account of the views he had of the infinite wisdom of God, and greatly deplored his own incapacity to speak to them concerning a Being so infinitely glorious, beyond all his powers of description. He attempted to show something of what had been discovered to him of the astonishing wisdom of Jehovah, of which it was impossible for human nature to form adequate conceptions. He then broke out into so fervent and expressive a prayer as greatly inspired the congregation and drew tears from every eye. A sermon followed that continued the solemn scene, and made very lasting impressions on all the hearers.

About the year 1774 a remarkable revival of religion took place in America. Towards this Mr. Tennent was considerably instrumental; and Mr. David Rowland, brought up with him