

only and supreme good; and they shall praise the Lord; they shall pour out their souls in thanksgiving and praise for this singular goodness of God; those who seek him—that is, they who hunger and thirst after this bread of life, and as the effect of this heavenly banquet, their hearts shall live for ever and ever, with the life of grace in this life, and of glory in the next; for so himself hath assured us in the gospel, ‘He that eateth this bread shall live for ever.’ (John vi. 53.) As corruptible food preserves our temporal life, so the incorruptible food of the eucharist will make us live for ever.

Acknowledging our spiritual misery, and the poverty of our souls, let us hasten to the bread of angels. In it are contained all riches and treasures, so that our boundless desires will be fully satisfied. Let us seek the Lord in this banquet of love, and having experienced how sweet he is, let us endeavour to make our acts of gratitude and praise bear some proportion to his infinite love. With this germ of immortality implanted in our hearts they will bloom for ever and ever.

29. All the ends of the earth shall remember, and shall be converted to the Lord.

The number of the faithful was at first confined to the apostles, the disciples, and a few of the Jews and Gentiles who listened to the word of God with docility. The preachers of the gospel then spread themselves over different countries, and announced the word of God with so much effect, that whole nations were brought to the remembrance of their Creator, and were converted to their God. This propa-

gation of divine truth, and conversion of mankind, continues to this day, and will continue in the church of Christ; and hence, he says, that God will be praised in a great church because all the ends of the earth, some of every nation under heaven will remember their creator and their destiny, will think of the great sacrifice which was offered for all mankind, will keep up the memorial of his sufferings and death in the holy eucharist, and will meditate on the love which bequeathed them a legacy so precious. Consequently they will forsake their idols, renounce their passions, be converted to the true God, and acknowledge him as their Father and Creator. Let us endeavour to be amongst the happy number of those faithful souls, of whom Christ here speaks. Let us remember our beginning and our end, our Creator, and our Judge, and we shall be sincerely converted to the Lord.

30. And all the kindreds of the Gentiles shall adore in his sight.

A continuation of the preceding. My gospel shall be preached throughout the entire world. Some of ‘every nation, and tongue, and tribe, and people’ shall bend in adoration before the true God alone.

31. For the kingdom is the Lord’s; and he shall have dominion over the nations.

The Gentiles will justly adore him, because he is the true and natural King of all Men. Mankind will be subject to his law, because they are holy and just, and because they are promulgated by him, ‘The King of Ages, immortal and invisible,’ for kingdom and power,