

## JESUS, THE WONDERFUL ONE.

Prominent among the primary desires of the human mind is the desire of knowledge. The principle of curiosity impels men to seek after knowledge. Those inventions and discoveries which have immensely increased our stores of information, have given mind power over matter, and many of which have contributed to augment the comforts of human life, are to be ascribed to the promptings of the desire of knowledge, perhaps as much as to anything else. There is much in the world of matter without us, and in the world of mind within us, and in the glorious God above us, to stir the desire of knowledge in its very depths and to fill the soul with wonderment. The Psalmist contemplating God's works, was constrained to exclaim: "O Lord, how manifold are thy works, in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches." Ps. civ. 24. With respect to the mechanism of his physical frame, he said, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made," Ps. cxxxix. 14; and if the body, the tenement, the casket, is so wonderful, much more must the soul, the tenant, the precious gem, be wonderful. And if the *works* of God be wonderful, much more must God himself be wonderful. We cannot by searching find out God, we cannot find out the Almighty unto perfection. There are depths and heights and lengths and breadths of glory and moral *beauty* in the Divine nature and character, to understand which will require from finitude an eternity of study. God as revealed in Christ is wonderful. This indeed is one of the names given to Jesus by an Old Testament prophet. "His name shall be called Wonderful." Isa. ix. 6.

Jesus is doubtless called "wonderful" because there is something in him and about him fitted to fill the soul with wonder, and love, and adoration.

1. The Saviour is wonderful *in his person*. He is God and man in one person—the God-man—the Theanthropos. That he is divine is expressly stated in the Bible. He is said to be "over all, God blessed for ever." Rom. ix. 5. He is said to be the Creator and Preserver of all things, John i. 3; Heb. i. 3. He must therefore be divine. That he is human, no believer in the Bible can call in question; for the ancient heresy that the body of Christ was a phantom body—a body only in appearance, must be considered as exploded, seeing the doctrine on which it was founded is absurd, that matter is the seat of evil. Moral evil or sin is wrong action, action in violation of God's law, so that the notion of the essential pravity of matter is an absurdity. Jesus is truly human; and his humanity consists of a human body and a human soul. *How the*