

not till then, shall the Kingdom be restored to Israel, and Israel, long wandering and lost, be restored to God.

He who stood before the tribunal of Pilate on that fateful day was known to the people as the Son of David. But when He asked the Pharisees, "What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?" and they answered, "David's," He rejoined: "How, then, doth David in the spirit call Him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit thou at my right hand till I make thy enemies thy footstool.' If David call him Lord, how is he his son?" (Matt. 22:42-45). And they could not answer Him. The answer is a mystery of faith. Jesus Christ is true God and true Man in one Divine Person; son of David by His mother, but without human father. "Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God," is the faith of the New Testament; for this is what Christ claimed to be, and by both miracle and prophecy proved Himself to be. He foretold clearly His death and His resurrection. He wrought signs such as no mere man could work. He walked upon the waters, and stilled the tempest. At His word or touch the sick rose from their beds, the halt sprang to their feet and walked, the blind saw, the dead were raised to life. To crown all, He Himself rose from the dead on the third day.

I say nothing of the life and teaching of Jesus, which accord so well with His own declaration that He came into the world from the Father. Enough that the Old Testament and the New, viewed as historical documents, point to Him as indeed the Son of God and Saviour of the world. Thus we are led by the light of reason and under its guidance to the threshold of the temple of faith. But reason itself can never enable us to enter. Divine Faith is a gift of God; it is not found in the conclusion of a syllogism. "If thou canst believe," said Christ to the father of the boy who had a dumb spirit, "all things are possible to him that believeth." And he said: "Lord, I believe; help Thou my unbelief" (Mark 9:22, 23). Such is the beginning of the prayer of faith. And such is the foundation of prayer.

We read in the "Life of Abraham Lincoln": "Belief in the existence of God, in the Bible, the revelation of God to man, in the efficacy and duty of prayer, in reverence toward the Almighty, and in love and charity to man, was the basis of his religion." And again: "Declarations of his trust in God and his belief in the efficacy of prayer pervade his State papers, letters and speeches" (Arnold's "Life of Abraham Lincoln," p. 477). Here