

He grant her petition? No. He shuts His ears to her voice and hardens His heart against her prayer. It is a public rebuke, and she feels it keenly. The people are astonished. They are puzzled, almost scandalised. They turn to Christ, and they say to Him, 'Why don't you come and speak to your mother?' What does Jesus say? He gives no answer except this extraordinary one: 'Who is My mother, and who are My brethren?' and, looking upon His disciples, He says, 'Behold My mother, My brethren, and My sisters.' As for Mary, she is left alone, and publicly rebuked." And then the voice spoke to me again with the power of thunder, telling me to read again in Saint Mark. You will find that Mark says that Jesus has rebuked His mother. Read in Luke. Luke says that Jesus rebuked His mother, He would not grant the petition; and then the voice spoke to me with terrible power, telling me that Jesus, so long as He was a little boy, obeyed His father Joseph and His mother; but as soon as Jesus presented Himself before the world as the Son of God, as the Saviour of the world, as the great Light of humanity, then Mary had to disappear, just as when the hours of the night are finished the moon must disappear.

The moon is beautiful, but let the bright sun appear on your horizon and you will see no moon, because her splendour will be outshone by the grand sun which God has given to throw light and life upon the whole world. In the same way it is to Jesus alone that the eyes of the world must be turned to receive light and life. Then, my friends, the voice spoke to me all the night: "Chiniquy, Chiniquy, you have said a lie this morning, and you were preaching a lot of fables and nonsense; and you preach against the Scriptures when you say that Mary has the power to grant any favour from Jesus in any way." I prayed and wept, and it was a sleepless night with me; it was a long and a darksome night. Next day I felt like a dying