

and powers in heavenly places" then, as well as upon the destinies of the *human* race, the theme of the Christian Ministry has a most momentous bearing; to *them*, as well as to the *redeemed*, the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be an object of rapture forever; and, mingling with the song of those who have washed their robes and made them white in his blood, and vieing with its loudest melody, will there be heard the voice of *many angels* round about the throne, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and honour, and glory, and blessing!"

III. The third topic that demands our attention is the *spirit* which characterised the apostle, and which should characterise all who sustain the sacred office: *Unto me, who am LESS THAN THE LEAST of all saints, is this grace given.*

On this part of the subject, however, our remarks will be brief. Whoever forms a just estimate of "the work of an evangelist," must at once perceive the indispensable necessity of *personal* religion—of an *experimental* knowledge of God our Saviour, to him who would discharge with fidelity, or even rightly appreciate, its momentous responsibilities. When the distinguishing grace of God selected St. Paul "to bear his name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel," he qualified him to negotiate the embassy by *revealing his Son in Him*. Without this spiritual manifestation from on high, the most powerful intellect cannot pierce the haze which, to an unrenowned mind, surrounds *the mystery of Christ*; and the highest endowments of eloquence are but *as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal*. There is a potency, or rather an *omnipotency* in this interior manifestation of the Son of God which *transforms* whom it *touches*; it is that *unction from the Holy One* without which no man can himself