

ways are in a tempest and whirlwind, and clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and drieth it up, and bringeth all the rivers to be a desert. The mountains tremble at him, and the hills are made desolate, and the earth hath quaked at his presence; and the world, and all that dwell therein." Listen to the prophet Jeremy: "There is none like to thee, O Lord. Thou art great; and great is thy name in might. Who shall not fear thee, O King of Nations?" And again: "The Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and the everlasting King." But why do I use the testimony of the inspired writers, when we have the testimony of God himself? Listen then to God, in Jeremias: "I am the Lord, the God of all flesh, shall any thing be difficult for me? Therefore, the Virgin might say, that 'He who was Almighty had done great things for her.'"

But what were those stupendous wonders which he wrought for her? In her he has united heaven and earth, and filled up by an amazing condescension, the immeasurable space that lay between God and man. He has selected her as the fairest amongst the daughters of Eve; he has dispatched to her a prince of his heavenly court, on an embassy of joy; and in one word has made her the Mother of his only Son. And who but a God of might could execute all this? Therefore, he that is mighty hath done great things to her.

AND HOLY IS HIS NAME!

His name is holy, venerable, adorable, worthy of all praise and benediction. His name particularly belongs to himself, as the God of holiness. His name is holy, because it designates him who comprises within himself every thing that is good, true, and beautiful. His name is just and holy; and it has been described by himself to Moses, in terms the most sublime and inconceivable. For who can conceive the grandeur of these admirable words, I AM WHO AM? His name is so holy, that as he declared to Moses, he did not publish it even to Abraham, the father of believers, nor to Isaac, the child of the promises, nor to Jacob, the parent of the tribes of Israel. His name is so holy, that his chosen people themselves, although they wrote it down, would not, out of reverence, dare to pronounce it, and consequently the true pronunciation of it is unknown at the present day.

It is impossible for man to fathom the depth of this incommunicable, and ineffable name of the Deity. I shall therefore select from the penitent prophet, some extracts which describe the grandeur, beauty, efficacy and sanctity of his venerable name. Listen then to David: "May the Lord hear thee in the day of tribulation—may the name of the God of Israel protect thee. We shall rejoice in thy salvation, and we shall be magnified in the name of our God. Some in chariots, and some in horses, but we shall call upon the name of the Lord our God. Thus I will bless thee in my life, and in thy name—I will lift up my hands. May all the waters that are above the heavens praise the name of the Lord. Let young men and virgins, the old with the young, praise the name of the Lord; for his name alone is exalted. Let them praise his name in choir. I will make a voluntary sacrifice to thee, and I will confess to thy name, O Lord, for it is good. For the sake of thy name, O Lord, thou wilt be propitious to my sins. For in him, our heart will rejoice, and in his holy name we have hoped. And all who love thy name, shall praise thee, O Lord, forever."