

ever he pleases; for, as the angel said to the virgin Mary, *with God nothing is impossible*, Luke 1. 37. and accordingly we acknowledge.

V. That he is the Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. This also is taught to us in scripture, which begins with this declaration: *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.* Gen. 1. 1. The Prophet Jeremiah also says in Chap. 32. 17. *Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth; by thy great power and stretched out arm; and there is nothing too hard for thee!*

Now, friends and brethren, since in this first part of the creed you profess to believe in God *the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth*, you ought to shew the reality of your faith, by your piety, obedience and love for him. Since he is your Creator you ought to worship him truly as your God, to obey him as your master and sovereign, and to love him as your father: And since by his almighty power he governs all things, you ought to trust entirely to the wisdom of his providence, and his goodness; and you ought to be very cautious not to deserve his wrath, and provoke him to anger by your transgression of his supreme will.

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