

examined the nearest fixed star Sirius, with his great telescope, the whole heavens about it were lit up with the splendor of our sky at sunset; and when the star fairly entered the field of vision the brightness was so overpowering that he was forced to protect his eye with a colored glass." If God has given to created objects like our sun, and many greater ones which twinkle in the immense distance like little stars, such dazzling splendor as to be overwhelming to the sight and mind of man, oh! what must be the glory of that uncreated Presence before which angels veil their faces? When Moses came down from the mount, after having seen the Divine glory partially revealed, the skin of his face shone so that he had to cover it with a veil while he addressed the people, as they could not bear the sight. If such was the appearance of his face, what must the glory be of which that was only a faint reflection? And, if the visible manifestation of God in the inner sanctuary was glorious, that must be an infinitely more magnificent display of the Divine Majesty which enraptures the Church triumphant in heaven. Oh! what must it be to stand in the majestic presence of the King of kings, the Lord of glory! Isaiah says of it, "Thine eye shall see the King in His beauty." John describes it thus: "His servants shall serve Him; and they shall see His face." "It doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." This open and effulgent display of Himself is the