

We may divide the principal matter of this Creed in three parts: In the first, you acknowledge the FATHER; in the second, the SON; and in the third the HOLY GHOST. Three PERSONS, and one GOD.

FIRST Part of the CREED.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

By these words we profess to believe,

1st. In God. Since it is the foundation and ground work of all religion, that there is a God. Whence St. Paul draws this moral inference: *They who have believed in God, must be careful to maintain good works.* Titus 3. 8.

II. We profess to believe in one God only. This is positively declared in several parts of Scripture. God himself speaking by his Prophet Isaiah, 44. 8. says, *Is there a God besides me? Yea, there is none, I know not any.* Jesus Christ affirms the same, in one of his Prayers to God his Father, when he says: *This is life eternal, that men know thee, the ONLY true God.*

III. We acknowledge God, as Father, both of mankind, he being our Creator and Preserver; and also of our Lord Jesus Christ.

IV. We acknowledge that God; the only God; God the Father; is also the Almighty God: that is to say, that he has power and ability to do what-