

honoured or what the law conferred (chap. vii.). There is the reason why He is represented as anointed and consecrated by an oath, and seated in the heavens in the midst of the sanctuary, as well as at the right hand of Majesty (chap. viii.).

In all this we have the hand of God Himself exalting the merit of Jesus, weighing Him in His dignities known in heaven and on earth. The soul is invited in the most pressing manner to come and be present at this grand work, at this divine proof of the merit of Jesus. Just so the congregation of Israel was commanded to wait at the door of the tabernacle, in order that each for himself should contemplate and know how pleased with the priest God was ; so that each, however large the congregation was, should have personally, individually, all liberty to resign himself to the care and intercession of Aaron (Lev. viii. ix.). It was a matter which concerned each individually, and the same liberty should also appertain to everyone of us individually.

The soul is a thing which concerns ourselves ; for it is written that " none can by any means redeem his brother " (Ps. xlix.) ; and it is ourselves who should know the divine remedy, ourselves who should possess it. It is not a faithful brother who can hear and believe for us ; it is not a church which can represent us ; we must be at the door of the tabernacle ourselves ; we have ourselves to know the worth of Jesus in the eyes of God, and the Epistle to the Hebrews is com-