

S E R M O N .

"When He shall come to be glorified in His Saints, and to be admired in all them that believe."—I Thess. 1, 10.

THE Festival of Advent has been appointed by the Church, for the commemoration of two events, the one past, the other future—the former, the most memorable event to be found in the book of the history of man, the latter, an event to which a great part of the revelations from God direct us to look, as the next to that solemnity of the last judgment, which finishes the annals of time, and begins the always enduring day of eternity.

We are this day called upon to give thanks to Almighty God, as for other numberless acts of His gracious goodness, especially for this, that in His great mercy He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, in the time of this mortal life, to *visit* us in great humility; and no less are our liveliest thanksgivings due for the assurance which He has given us, that the same Jesus Christ, the Saviour of men, shall come again in His glorious Majesty, to judge the quick and the dead, "when He shall be glorified in His Saints, and admired in all them that believe."

This is the day which has been appointed for the commemoration of these events, and on this particular occasion, it has likewise been enjoined upon us, to celebrate