

bush that Moses received his sublime mission ; it was from the awful heights of Sinai, wreathed in mist and hidden from the eyes of all, that the people of God first listened to the promulgation of the Law. It was a pillar of smoke by day, and a column of flame, dispelling the darkness of the night that guided the Israelites through the trackless wastes of the desert ; it was, finally, a mysterious cloud, overhanging the Holy of Holies, that warned the Jews that the Spirit of the Most High lingered invisibly around their altars. Because of these and other wonders, did the prophetic voice of Isaias exclaim : " Verily Thou art a hidden God, the God of Israel the Saviour " (Is. lxv, 15).

But if the Almighty proved a hidden God to the patriarchs and to the prophets of old, Jesus, under the Law of grace and love, has shown Himself also to the Apostles and to His followers a God wrapt in mystery, a God hidden from their eyes the better to become the God their Saviour. And when, at the Last Supper, our divine Lord took bread and wine and blessed them saying this is My Body and this is My Blood, that incomprehensible mystery of a hidden God reached the limits of what was possible, and the words recorded in Isaias were verified to the very fulness of truth, for, Jesus had become preeminently a hidden God, the better to become the God their Saviour.

Doubtless, when the Second Person of the adorable Trinity became man He humbled Himself, taking upon Himself the form of a slave ; but even then, from time to time, He shed some ray of glory that betokened the presence of a God. It was a choir of angels that ushered in His birth ; at the moment of His baptism, the heavens opened and the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove, while God the Father, throned in the clouds above, proclaimed Him ; His beloved Son in whom He was well pleased. Thabor reflected a gleam of that hidden majesty, and Calvary was rocked to its base, while the sun refused its light, as He gave back His spirit to His Heavenly Father.