

to have any more than a partial glimpse of the ineffable glory. The Lord answered, saying: "There shall no man see My face and live." The sight of the awfully glorious, and ineffably bright effulgence of the Divine Being could not be endured by any mortal man. As mortal eye could not endure the sight of that great glory, so mortal mind cannot grasp the fulness of the idea. Human language is inadequate to describe what even the angels before the throne could not suitably express. But if the words at our command do impress us with the greatness and the glory of God; oh, how sublime the description, how great the impression! if we could hear, and understand the description which one of the shining seraphim could give of it in the language of heaven:

"Oh, speak ye happy spirits! Ye alone can tell
The wonders of the beatific sight,
When from the bright unclouded face of God
Ye drink full draughts of bliss and endless joy,
And plunge yourselves in life's immortal fount."

It is only by the help of comparisons, drawn from the allusions to it in the Word of God, that we can have any idea of God's glory. "The heavens declare the glory of God." The number, the magnitude, and the immense distances from each other of those shining orbs which hang in space declare the goodness, wisdom and power of God; but their dazzling lustre also illustrates our theme. If the works of His hands are so glorious, what must their great Creator be? It is related of Sir Wm. Herschell, that, "when he first