

## ✠ Subject of Adoration ✠

"FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT!"

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### III. REPARATION

*Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit!"* During His life, Jesus had proclaimed aloud His Divine Sonship. The first word recorded of Him told the Jews that God was His Father: "Did you not know," He said to Mary and Joseph, "that I must be about *My Father's* business?" His last word before expiring will recall to the world that same truth. And the cry that He uttered when about to yield up His spirit will be but a confirmation of His eternal generation from God the Father.

Jews, recall that cry of Jesus dying, a cry that thrilled nature, and to which heaven and earth listened in respectful silence. It is the last effort of His Heart to draw you to God, by furnishing a final argument for your faith.—And the Jews, in spite of all the proofs He had given in life and at death, refused to recognize in Him the only Son of the Father.

What sorrow for the tender Heart of the Saviour! Jesus had just given to Heaven every satisfaction by sacrificing to earth all His Blood and all His Heart; and they whom He had come to save before all others, remain insensible to His redemption, and refuse to recognize Him whom the Father had sent them.

Pardon, O Jesus, pardon the obstinacy of the Jews in not recognizing Thee as the Messiah! Pardon for all the pain caused Thee at this moment by the obstinate refusal of men of every nation, country, and time, to see in Thee the Saviour and Redeemer of the human race!