

favor falls from Heaven upon earth for which mankind should not thank her.

The mediation of Mary is of an order essentially inferior to that of her Son.

Mary herself cannot communicate to the soul this superior life, that is sanctifying grace, nor, by actual grace, act immediately upon the intelligence and the will to make them produce supernatural acts. Theologians demonstrate that these operations belong properly to God, as the creative action to which they have a resemblance in some respects.

From Jesus all graces come to us, and Jesus has been given to us by Mary : consequently, all the graces received have truly been given to us by her. But more than that: there is another moral intervention. It please<sup>d</sup> God to unite Mary closely to Jesus in the work of Redemption. Mary holds a place near to Jesus, working with Him and by Him to save us and to sanctify us. To determine what she does to procure for us all graces and each grace in particular, let us examine what Jesus does : proportionately, Mary seconds Him in all.

There are two things in the work of salvation, the acquisition of grace and its distribution : in both let us remember the role of Jesus and that of Mary.

Mary lent all her concurrence to the work of Jesus. This concurrence is of secondary order, since the substance of the work belongs wholly to Christ ; but in this order it has been extended as far as the concurrence of a pure creature could be.

In her Immaculate Conception, Mary profited of all graces with a perfect fidelity, and thus rendered herself fit for the accomplishment of the mystery of the Incarnation. On the day of the Annunciation, eternally memorable, Mary, conforming herself wholly to the Divine Will, brought the concurrence of her maternity, and also an entire free consent, to take part in all Jesus would do, at first, by the total union of her will, and afterwards, by her cooperation continued even to the end. In saying : *May it be done unto me according to Thy word*, Mary adheres without reserve to all that God proposed to her.

From the Incarnation and the Crib, to Calvary, she cooperates in the work of her Son. Even on the Cross,