

said "Go not after them." In vain does the Roman Church say that Christ gave to His priests the power to make a God of one of these little cakes. I answer that Christ Himself had not the power to make God, nor to make Himself out of an engraved cake. For His Father had forbidden such acts of folly and idolatry when, amidst the thunders and lightnings of Mount Sinai, He said, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them, for I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate Me."

Christ came to fulfil and not to violate the commandments of His Father. He could not give to the Church of Rome the permission or the power to transgress them, in commanding, as they pretend, that they should take a little engraved cake, change it into God, and kneel down before it. For that is idolatry—yes, true and shameful idolatry.

When Christ told us to eat His body and drink His blood, He employed the same figure as when He said that He would eat the passover. Though He used the words, "I will eat this passover," He could not do it for the simple reason that the passage of the destroying angel through the land of Egypt was not a thing that could be eaten. But the lamb that was laid on the table in remembrance of that passover could be eaten as a remembrance of the passover.