

made. Paul attained the pre-eminent place which he occupies in the history of the world, from his being honoured to unfold the doctrines of salvation, and to set them forth for the guidance of the Church in all future ages, and by his self-denying, labourious efforts to build up the Church of Christ among the nations of the earth.

But what are the greatest conquerors, or philosophers, or statesmen, or the highest benefactors of mankind in material things, whom the world ever saw, compared with Christ? Just as the most brilliant stars disappear in the heavens, as the sun rises, and appears in his meridian splendour, so do all the most renowned on earth fade into nothingness in the presence of Christ.

On what, then, does his fame rest? Why is it that his name will endure, and be continued as long as the sun?

I. It rests upon his glorious and divine character. The work of mediation between God and man required Divinity in Him who undertook it. For who knows God and can mediate for God but God? Who but one who is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in all divine attributes, could make adequate atonement and satisfaction to the justice of the Most High for his violated law? Godhead is as essential as humanity to the God-man, the daysman, to lay his hand upon both, and so make up the peace. Hence you read,—“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.” “He thought it not robbery to be equal with God.” “He is God over all, blessed for ever.” “His name shall be called