

dependence on the divine blessing, seek to contemplate the excellence and glory of the great Redeemer, and the grounds on which He is entitled to the transcendent fame which the whole of this Psalm, and our text especially, ascribes to Him, "His name shall endure forever," etc.

In addressing you from this passage and opening up the subject of it, we shall consider (1) His fame : the sources of it, or what it rests upon ; (2) The perpetuity of His fame, and (3) The results of His glorious reign.

I. Our notice is first directed to the fame or renown of Christ : "His name shall endure forever." The name cannot be dissociated from the person. When the name is mentioned or made known, it recalls the person designated, and by consequence everything about him that is fitted to attract attention and procure for him esteem. "O Lord, according to thy name, so is thy praise throughout all the earth," *i.e.*, according as the character and attributes and works of God are published abroad in the world, according as people come to know and apprehend aright, God and the things of God, so will He be praised and honoured.

Now, one who acquires fame does so because of some great achievements by which he has been distinguished, or because of the excellence of his character, or of some special qualities or dispositions about him, marking him out from the generality of mankind. Solomon was renowned for his wisdom. Homer's fame rests upon his poetic genius. Alexander the Great, Cæsar and Napoleon are celebrated as military commanders, and because of the conquests which they