

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
THE CROWN OF ALL THE WORKS OF GOD

God made all things according to the plan in His divine mind, and no creature can, without a revelation from above, have such knowledge of the mind of God as to correctly judge between one of His works and another; but when the Holy Ghost Himself, in the 110th Psalm, says, "He hath made a remembrance of His wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious God," He thereby makes known to us that one of His works is to be a memorial of all the others; and when He concludes this statement with the words, "He hath given food to them that fear Him," we are surely justified in considering this a direct revelation from above, that the food of our souls, the Blessed Eucharist, is that great memorial of all the wonderful works of God. Now, if this is true, it follows that the Blessed Sacrament must be the masterpiece of all God's works, and that, among the works revealing the perfections of God, it must have the unique distinction of showing us, not only one of the infinite glories of our God, but many; and showing them not dimly, but plainly; not feebly and in faint outline, but in splendor and magnificence. And this distinction the Holy Eucharist does possess, for, by prayerful and reverent meditation, we shall find that it is the epitome and crown of all the wonderful works of God. St. Thomas Aquinas does not hesitate to assert that the Blessed Sacrament is the abridgment of God's miracles.

Now, there are three marvelous works of God, in which, as in a mirror, we catch a glimpse of His omnipotence, His wisdom and His love, namely, the Creation, the Incarnation and the Redemption. These three divine works receive additional lustre from the Holy Eucharist. In the Most Blessed Sacrament they terminate, and by it they are crowned.

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