

157. The God-Man's State of Exaltation.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name. *Phil. 2,9.*

Our Christian Creed does not end with the word "buried." Suddenly everything is changed. All humiliation, poverty, frailty, and weakness is gone. We behold a most fascinating picture, the most brilliant scene; not only rays of hidden glory, but the bright Sun of Righteousness in all His beaming luster: divine majesty and power, heavenly riches, honor, and glory. Now all humiliation is past. We behold Christ in His glorious state of exaltation. The form of a servant is discarded, and He appears in all the splendor of His divine majesty.

What a difference between the humbled Christ and the exalted Christ! What a difference between Christ as He walked upon this earth before His death and as He appeared after His resurrection! True, His body has the same print of the nails in hands and feet and the open side, yet how different is that body from what it had been before! Now it passes through the thickest walls and through bolted doors; it appears and is seen by the disciples, and after a while it vanishes; it floats in the air and, like a thoroughly spiritual body, is hindered by no obstacle. Now He fully and continually uses His divine majesty in the human body. Now His human body is just as much everywhere as His divinity. The human part of Christ, so to speak, is not far from us in a circumscribed or limited space of heaven; no, the man Jesus says to us, Matt. 28, 20: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." He no more complains: "The Son of Man hath not where to lay His head," but He now triumphs: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." "God set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principalities, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under His feet." And He governs and protects His Church.

Prayer.

Lord Jesus, Thou exalted Savior, ever ready to help, Thou seest and knowest that we live in great distress and danger, and we know of neither counsel nor help and find in us no power to escape this great trouble. Our eyes, therefore, are turned to Thee, our only Comfort, Refuge, and Helper. Oh, lead us on the way to heaven, to Thy glory, where we shall be with Thee forever. Thine is the kingdom, which we are to inherit; Thine is the power to lead us into it; and Thine shall forever be all honor and glory when we, Thy redeemed, shall be happy in Thy heavenly kingdom, where we shall see Thy glory and be with Thee forever. Amen.

All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.

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