

8. Christ's idea of God, nay, his revelation of God is the highest and most comprehensive conception of Deity that the human mind has ever expressed or imagined. A God who is at once transcendent in his unapproachable majesty, God the Father of all, above all, full of glory, whom no man can see; immanent in creation and through his Spirit in human hearts; incarnate in "the Son of his love in whom we have redemption through his blood." "The God whom men know outside of Jesus Christ," says Alexander Maclaren, "is a poor nebulous thing; an idea and not a reality." No one would ever think of consulting Confucius, the sage of China, on the subject of God. On other matters his teaching is often very illuminating and helpful, but on this subject he practically taught nothing. "Where in all China," writes Charles L. Ogilvie of Peking, "can one find anything that corresponds to what the ten-year-old Christian child knows about God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ? Would anyone who knows this God be attracted by the hundred and one imaginary Buddhas, the innumerable Pu'sas, with the merciful Kwam Kin at the head, the Gemmy Emperor, who rules on Tai-shan; Kwan Ti, the god of war, or Allah, whose compassion is imprisoned by fate? He who was called the "brightness of the Father's glory and the express-image of His person" has so flooded the world with light that no one who has seen the face of the heavenly Father is at all drawn to the gods of the nations." Islam has risen higher than any of the other non-