JAMES ARCHER SERMONS [57]

Matthew 4:4

Discourse for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Non in solo pane vivit homo, sed in omni verbo quod procedit de ore Dei.
Not by [in] bread alone doth man live, but by [in] every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. words taken out of the 4th Chap. of St. Matth. & 4th Verse.

Nothing better denotes the power and excellence of the Word of God in the Holy Gospel than the representations which our Blessed Saviour uses to predict its effects. Sometimes it is a holy Sword that is about to seperate [ME var.; separate] the Father from the son[,] the Husband from the Wife, the Brother from the Sister; to captivate every Understanding under the yoke of Faith; to triumph over the wise and the learned, and to erect the Standard of the Cross upon the ruins of Idolatry and Empires; & hereby is represented to us its power which the whole World could not resist.

Sometimes it is a divine fire cast upon the earth that dissolves mountains, depopulates the Towns and peoples the deserts[,]

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reduces the profane Temples to ashes[,] enkindles its flames in the Breasts of men and causes them to run to death like fools in the eyes of the world

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