

## Daniel 11:36 Speak marvellous things against the God of gods



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**Dan 11:36** And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall **spea**k marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

**John 10:33** The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

**Mark 2:7** Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

The Pope is the vicar of Christ, or the visible head of the church on earth. The claims of the Pope are the same as the claims of Christ. Christ wanted all souls saved. So does the Pope. Christ can forgive all sin. So can the Pope. The Pope is the only man who claims to the vicarage of Christ. His claim is not seriously opposed, and this establishes his authority.

The powers given the Pope by Christ were given him, not as a mere man, but as the representative of Christ. The Pope is more than the representative of Christ, for he is the fruit of his divinity and of the institution of the church.

**Extract from a sermon of Rev. Jeremiah Prendergast, S.J. (R.C.) Syracuse Post Standard, March 13, 1912.**

The priest holds the place of the Saviour Himself, by saying, 'Ego te absolvo' [I thee absolve], he absolves from sin ... To pardon a single sin requires all the omnipotence of God ... But what God can only do by His omnipotence, the priest can also do by saying 'Ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis' ... Innocent III was written: 'Indeed it is not to much to say that in view of the sublimity of their offices the priests are so many gods.' **Alphonsus de Liguori, "Dignity and Duty of the Priest," pages 34-36.**

But our wonder should be far greater when we find that in obedience to the words of His priests – HOC EST CORPUS MEUM [This is My body] – God Himself descends on the altar, that He comes whenever they call Him, and as often as they call Him, and places Himself in their hands, even though they should be His enemies. And after having come, He remains, entirely at their disposal; they move Him as they please, from one place to another; they may, if they wish, shut Him up in the tabernacle, or expose Him to the altar, or carry Him outside the church; they may if they choose, eat His flesh, and give Him for the food of others. O, how very great is their power,' says Laurance Justinian, speaking of the priests, 'A word falls from their lips and the body of Christ is substantially formed from the matter of bread, and the incarnate word descended from heaven, is found really present on the table of the altar!' Thus the priest may in a certain manner, be called the creator of the Creator... 'The power of the priest' says St Bernardine of Sienna, 'Is the power of a divine person; for the transubstantiation of the bread requires as much power as the creation of the world.

**Alphonsus de Liguori, "Dignity and Duty of the Priest," pages 26,27,32,33.**