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Suffering the School of Obedience.

HEBREWS v. 8.

"Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered."

ALTHOUGH we are taught that the godhead and manhood were so united in the person of our blessed Lord as to be absolutely one, there yet remains unrevealed a wonderful mystery respecting the conditions of His human nature; as, for instance, where He said of His second coming, "Of that day and that hour knoweth no man; no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father."[1] How did He not know? How should any thing be hidden from "the Son of Man, which is in heaven?"[2] All that we can say is, that in these words He declared to us that the mystery of His incarnation was in some way ordered by the laws and conditions of our manhood. We have another example of this kind in the text: St. Paul here tells us that Christ Himself "learned obedience by the things which He suffered."

[1] St. Mark xiii. 32. [2] St. John iii. 13.