the Apostles were present on this occasion.

**24. they lifted up their voice to  
God with one accord]** i.e. not, as Meyer  
supposes, literally all speaking together in  
a known formula of prayer, but led by  
some *one*, and all assenting; not “*their  
voices*,” but **their voice**: see note on ch. ii.  
6.

**thou art God, which hast made]** It.  
is an acknowledgment that it was the same  
God, who was now doing these things, that  
had beforetime prophesied them of Christ.

**27.]** The **for** implies an   
acknowledgment of the truth of God in the   
fulfilment of the prophecy: *Thou art the  
God who hast*, &c., *for* these events have  
happened accordingly.   
  
The clause, **in  
this city**, which has been excluded from  
the text on account of its apparent   
redundance, answers to the clause “*on his  
holy hill of Zion*,” Ps. ii, 6. See also  
Matt xxiii. 37; Luke xiii. 33. The parts  
of this verse correspond accurately to those  
of the prophecy just quoted.   
  
The appellation here given to our Lord is not  
“child,” but **Servant**, as before, ch. iii. 26.  
Jesus, *the Servant* of Jehovah, is the   
antitype and completion of David, and of all  
other servants of the Lord: what is said  
of them only partially and hyperbolically,  
is said literally and entirely of Him.

**28.]** There is an ellipsis in the thought  
between the verb **to do**, and its object  
**whatsoever**, &c. : “*to do* [as they thought,  
their own counsel; but really] *whatsoever  
Thy hand and Thy counsel determined*.”

**thy hand and thy counsel]** **thy hand**   
indicates the *Power*, **thy counsel** the *Wisdom  
ot God*. The Wisdom decreed, the Hand  
performed.

**31.]** As the first outpouring   
of the Spirit, so this special one  
in answer to prayer, was testified by an  
outward and visible sign: but not by the  
*same* sign,—for that. first baptism by the  
Holy Ghost, the great fulfilment of the  
promise, was not to be repeated. It was  
on every ground probable that the token  
of the especial presence of God would be  
some phenomenon which would be