71). REVELATION. 1083   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED,   
 he saith unto me, Write, ? Blessed p méat.2x.3,   
 Write, Blessed ave they are they which are called unto the   
 which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And   
 marriage supper of the he saith unto me, @These are the o%,   
 Lamb, And he saith unto true sayings of God.   
 And These said the true say at his feet to worship him. And 'I fell ress,   
 ings of God. ‘And I fell said unto me, \*See thou do And not: °4   
 at his feet to worship ki I am a fellow-servant of thine, and   
 thou do it not: I am thy of thy brethren ‘that have the tes- t1Jom v.10.   
 Fellow-servant, and of thy| timony of Jesus: worship God: for   
 brethren that have the tes- ‘the testimony of Jesus is the spirit   
 timony of Jesus: worship of propheey.   
 God: for the testimony of   
 Jesus is the spirit of pro-   
 phecy. “And Isaw heaven 114 And I saw heaven uob.xv.6.   
   
   
 their blessedness, and an assurance of the dicted by the plain assertion, here in ch.   
 certainty of that which has been foretold xvii. 1, and there in ch. xxii. 8 itself,   
 respecting then. The Apostle, moved by was not a divine Person, but simply an   
 these declarations, falls down to worship angel): and he saith to me, Take heed   
 the angel, but is forbidden.—And he saith not (to do it): Iam a fellow-servant of   
 (who? the only ‘answer ready to our hand thine, and [a fellow-servant] of thy   
 is, the angel of ch. xvii. 1. Some, as brethren who have the testimony of   
 Ewald and Ebrard, suppose some one Jesus (as in ch, i. 2, xii. 17: on the   
 angel to have been constantly with St. former of which see note): worship God   
 Jolin throughout the visions: but there (the stress is both words: let worship he   
 seems no reason for this) unto me, Write reserved for Him), for (these words fol-   
 (sce ch. xiv. 13) Blessed are they who are lowing are those of the angel, not of the   
 Didden (bear in mind, throughout, our Apostle, as Diisterdieck : 8, and ch. v.8,   
 Lord’s parables on this matter: Matt. where the Apostle gives explanations, are   
 xxii, 1 ff, xxv. 1 ff Our ch. iii, 20 fur- no rule for this place, where the explana-   
 nishes us with a link binding on the spi- tion of necessity comes from the speaker,   
 ritual import to the figure) to the supper whose reason for prohibiting the offered   
 of the marriage of the Lamb. And he homage it renders) the testimony of Jesus   
 saith to me (the solemn repetition of this (the genitive of Jesus is, as before, ob-   
 formula shews that what follows it is a jective : the testimony borne to Jesus by   
 new and important declaration), These ‘these fellow-servants, men and angels) is   
 (sayings) (sce ch. xvii. If we under- the spirit of prophecy (there is no real   
 stand that the speaker is the angel of ch. difficnlty in this : no reason for de-   
 xvii. 1, then these sayings will most na- stroying its force hy making “of Jesus”?   
 turally include the prophecies and revela- subjective, and “ the testimony of Jesus”   
 tions since then) are the trne [sayings] to mean “the witness which proceeds from   
 of God (are the very truth of God, Jesus.” What the angel says is this:   
 and shall veritably come to pass). And Thou and I and our brethren are all   
 I fell down before his feet to worship « those who have the testimony of Jesus,”   
 him (out of an overweening reverence for ive. are witnesses to Jesus; and the way   
 one who had imparted to him such great in which we hear this witness, the subr   
 things: see also ch. xxii. 8, where the stance and essence of this testimony, is   
 same again takes place at the end of the the spirit of prophecy ; “we have all been   
 whole revelation, and after a similar as- made to drink into one Spirit.’ This   
 soranee, The angel who had thus gua- Spirit, given to me in that I shew thee   
 ranteed to him, in the name of God, the these things, given to thee in that thou   
 certainty of these great revelations, seems seest and art to write them, is the token   
 to him worthy of some of that reverence that we are fellow-servants and brethren.   
 belongs to God Himself. The reason It does not follow that every one of those   
 en by Diisterdieck, that in both cases “who have the testimony of Jesus” has,   
 John imagined the Lord Himself to be in the same distinguished degree, the   
 speaking to him, is sufficiently contra- Spirit of prophecy: bat every such one