IS MAGNIFICENCE IS UPON ISRAEL -(Ps. 67:34) – that is, upon the mind that beholds, so far as this is possible, the beauty of the glory of God Himself. And His power is in the clouds – that is, in radiant souls that gaze towards the dawn. In such souls it reveals the Beloved, He Who sits at the right hand of God and floods them with light as the sun's rays flood the white clouds.

> St Hesychius of Jerusalem, On Watchfulness & Holiness, #35 Philokalia, Faber & Faber, Volume One, pages 168–69

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