

Beloved of the Lord:

"HIS LEGS ARE AS PILLARS OF MARBLE, SET UPON SOCKETS OF FINE GOLD".

S. of S. 5:15. His legs appear under his robe, as white as marble, just as the white ivory was his body, in corresponding beauty and whiteness.

THE SYMBOL OF HIS LEGS - STRENGTH is indicated by the legs of "marble". Man's strength is weak, their legs bend beneath their burdens - Psa.147:10; Eccl.12:3. The Lord's, in type of His unfailing strength were not permitted to be broken on the Cross, though the others with Him were - John 20:32. They brake not the legs of the Lord Jesus, for His Father leaves Him a type of everlasting strength even in the midst of weakness - John 19:36.

(a) - Our redemption rests upon those "pillars of marble", upon those unbroken legs on the Cross. Upon Him was laid ALL SINS from the beginning of the world to the end! - Isa.53:6. Did He bear them ALL? YES! - for "His legs are as pillars of marble"!

(b) - The support of His Church is given to His care - Eph.1:23. Can HE sustain the weight? Absolutely! - for the "gates of hades" shall not prevail against it! - Matt.16:18. All because "His legs are as pillars of marble".

(c) - The burdens of ALL His people are cast upon Him - Psa.55:22; 1 Pet.5:7. ALL their fears, ALL their countless burdens He invites them to place upon Himself. Thousands and thousands have done it! Thousands, NOW are doing it! Thousands will yet do it! Psa.37:5. Can He endure the weight? Positively - for "His legs are as pillars of marble".

STEADFASTNESS is symbolized by His legs. All men, from Adam down, are "the unequal legs of the lame" - Prov.26:7, halting, stumbling and falling by the way. But the legs of "the last Adam" are marble pillars, upright, even, steadfast and immovable.

(a) - SATAN proved them - Matt. 4; Lu.4. Jesus walks wearily from the wilderness, His knees weak through fasting and testing for forty days. Satan attempts to make those upright limbs BEND before him. He stoops NOT! He halts NOT! He walks straight on! - saying "Man shall not live by bread alone" etc. He bends NOT! for "His legs are as pillars of marble".

Satan takes Him to a pinnacle of the Temple and says - "Cast Thyself down" etc. But even on the narrow confine of a pinnacle, Jesus stands still and moves not, saying - "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" for "His legs are as pillars of marble!"

Satan makes one more desperate attempt, for nothing will satisfy him but the prostrate bending of those marble pillars in worship and obeisance. In a "MOMENT" Satan shows Him ALL he had! But it will take eternal ages for the Lord to show US ALL HE HAS! - Eph.2:7. The last daring effort of Satan was in vain! Those pillars move not! His knees will NOT bend to Satan! "Get thee behind me Satan" etc. and Satan departs, confounded and defeated! He also must add his testimony, reluctantly, to the Bride's; for though every other person on earth has bowed the knee to Satan, NOT THE BELOVED! - "His legs are as pillars of marble"!

Satan still proves them! - for at God's right hand is a great Advocate, great High Priest and great Intercessor (1 Jno.2:1,2; Heb.4:14-16; Heb.7:25). There Satan comes to be "the accuser of the brethren" (Rev.12:11)- yet even in heaven the accuser still finds that "His legs are as pillars of marble" - HALLELUJAH!

(b) - THE WORLD will prove them some day! "His feet shall stand on the mount of Olives" etc. Zech.14:4 at the glory of His second coming. The world shall find His great strength and steadfastness will be manifested through His Millennial Kingdom! - for "His legs are as pillars of marble". When He is about to take the kingdoms of this world for Himself, He will "set His right foot upon the sea, and His left foot upon the earth"-Rev.10:2. They are MARVELOUS LEGS!

THE SYMBOL OF HIS FEET- "Set upon sockets of fine gold" - for they belong to the golden head and worthy of it. He is "gold" from head to foot; compare verse 11. Those feet possess a divine beauty and glory worthy of the Bride's admiration - Lu.7:36-38; Jno.12:3. Power and authority are symbolized too in them, for He walked ON the sea, Matt.14:25,26. Earth also acknowledged them-Isa.52:7. Many "fell at His feet"; Mary "sat at His feet". HELL also acknowledged the power His feet. Though driving its bloody nails through His blessed feet, He calmly walked out IN TRIUMPH! - the print of the nails an eternal memorial on them. They triumphed, eternally, over the old murderer-Satan! -the head of Satan bruised by the feet of the SON OF GOD! THIS IS MY BELOVED! - Faithfully in Christ - J.W. BRAMHALL