

Beloved of the Lord:

The Spirit of God continues His description of the Beloved, saying - "HIS HEAD IS AS THE MOST FINE GOLD" - presenting to us:

THE GLORY OF HIS GODHEAD - and the general opinion of scholars is, this head of gold is the symbol of the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, for that which is far superior and higher in the Person of Christ is the glory of His Godhead! Is it not written - "for in HIM all the fulness of the Godhead was pleased to dwell" - Col. 1:19. Marvelous is the fact that for all eternity His Godhead is not to be separated from His humanity; it is united with it FOR EVER!

(a) - Note the priceless value of this head: It is an ingot of gold - "the most fine gold". All other creatures in contrast, the highest and the noblest, are but brass, iron, clay, common and earthly. Here we see the infinite greatness of divine glory - "pure gold" throughout! Golden power, golden wisdom, golden righteousness, golden love, golden holiness - yea, golden Godhead! How vastly superior to Nebuchadnezzar's head of gold in the second and third chapters of Daniel!

(b) - Note the Bride's value of HIM:- The Bride of Christ declares in S. of S. 2:16 her appreciation and appropriation of HIM - "MY BELOVED IS MINE". Each believer may say this! For when a sinner accepts Christ, the Son of God, as Saviour and Lord, ALL THIS HEAD OF GOLD IS HIS OR HERS! Has not Peter written - "To you that believe HE is the preciousness" - 1 Pet. 2:7. JNDTrans. I come to Him; I receive HIM (John 1:12) - and now HE IS MINE! I am inseparably united to this golden head, above all want, poverty or fear (Psalm 23:1) Just to know that HE is MINE has made me rich, and that FOR EVER! (2 Cor. 8:9).

(c) - Note the World's Value of HIM:- The world values Him at the price of a slave! This valuation they placed upon Him and His blessed head! - "I said unto them ... give me my price...so they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver" - Zech. 11:12. Note also Exodus 21:32. Did not the traitor go to the chief priests ---"and they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver" - Matt. 26:14,15. Just the price of a SLAVE!

(d) - THE GOLD OF HIS GODHEAD COULD NOT BE BRUISED - The first promise of Messiah's coming was a threat to Satan, when God said - "I will put enmity between thee and the woman; between thy seed and her seed. He shall crush thy head and thou shalt crush His heel" - Gen. 3:15. In Galatians 3:16 the apostle points out - "to thy seed which is CHRIST". The head of the serpent was SATAN, for he headed the temptation in the garden of Eden. Under God's decree Satan's head was to be crushed, but Satan would only crush the heel of Messiah!

In the hour of His death, Jesus crushed the head of Satan, for "through death He destroyed him who had the power of death, that is the devil" - Heb. 2:14,15. Jesus was triumphant over principalities and powers by His death on the cross - Col. 2:15. Yet Satan could only bruise His heel, not His head! All that should be bruised WAS bruised, according to God's eternal purpose, and Satan an instrument toward its execution. The blessed Saviour knew Satan's part when He said - "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" - John 14:30. He also knew what the result would be - "Now shall the prince of this world be cast out" - John 12:31. Surely "Great is the mystery of godliness, GOD WAS MANIFEST IN THE FLESH" - 1 Tim.3:16. It is beyond finite comprehension! Christ, the eternal Word crucified in the flesh; suffering in His perfect humanity and bruised in His heel! Yet His Godhead was NOT nor could NOT be bruised, for "HIS HEAD IS AS THE MOST FINE GOLD"

This HEAD the finest gold excels;
Here wisdom in perfection dwells -
And glory like a crown adorns
Those temples once beset by thorns.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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