

By it, we are reminded of

I.—THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PERSON OF CHRIST. The golden girdle drew the sacred garments close about the body of Aaron, fitly setting forth the close—the inconceivably close—connection of the human with the Divine in our Great High-Priest. The high-priestly attire of the type is done away in the Antitype, who took upon Him (or clothed Himself with) our flesh. The golden girdle was a *curious* one; it was manufactured with great skill. And, truly, the girdle wherewith the human nature is girded to the Divine in the person of the Lord Jesus is a *curious* one indeed! This is none other than a triumph of the skilful hand of Jehovah. Without controversy, “great is the mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh!”

His complexity is INEXPLICABLE. How the Ancient of Days is an infant of days, how the Maker and the made is one, how God becomes Immanuel, “God with us,” is past finding out. We believe and we love the incarnate mystery, content to leave it a fathomless marvel.

“How it was done we can’t discuss :
But this we know, ’twas done for us!”

He is not to be explained or understood; but worshipped, prized, and trusted.

It is INDISPUTABLE that “the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.” This truth does not burn with an uncertain flame, or cast a flickering ray. Steadily, brilliantly, enduringly it shines on for ever. And the drivel of modern thought can never succeed in overturning the faith of God’s elect in this fundamental truth. Challenged, denied, contemned it may be; but disproved, never! It is beyond disproof that Jesus is Jehovah, that Jehovah is Jesus! “This is the true God, and Eternal Life!”

“That Christ is God I can avouch,
And for His people cares,
For I have prayed to Him as such,
And He has heard my prayers.”

His complexity was INDISPENSABLE to His mediation.—He must be God that He might comprehend the Divine requirements—that He might fully sympathise with God. He must be man in order to obey the moral law, and suffer for the sins of His people. If He were not God, His obedience and sufferings would be meritless—unimputable, unredemptive. If He were not man, obedience, substitutionary suffering, and death would have been impossible. In His complexity, therefore, He was all that was necessary Godward, and all that was necessary manward, as to fitness.

“’Twas Thou and only Thou didst take
The Mediator’s place,
When we the Father’s statutes brake,
All hail! Thou Prince of peace.”

Thus the golden girdle reminds us of the mysterious, certain, and necessary complexity of our Lord and Saviour, Immanuel, God with us.