

Sixth, *paz*, "refined." Concerning the knowledge of Christ, "the gold and the crystal cannot equal it; and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold," Job 28. 17. "Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head," Ps. 21: 3. "Therefore I love thy commandments above gold, yea, above fine gold," Ps. 119: 127. "His legs as pillars of marble set upon sockets of fine gold," Song 5: 15. So this *paz* gold is the appropriate symbol of the divine nature and perfect humanity of Him concerning whom the Holy Ghost testifies: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," John 1: 1; "Who knew no sin," 2 Cor. 5: 21; "Without sin," Heb. 4: 15; "Who did no sin," 1 Pet. 2: 22; "and in Him is no sin," 1 Jno. 3: 5.

Seventh, *chrusios* or *chrusion*, used by the poets, according to Liddell and Scott, "to denote anything dear or precious." "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, . . . he shall receive a reward," 1 Cor. 3: 11-14. The foundation is Christ, the superstructure must be reared in the love of Christ, and for the glory of Christ, and this alone is precious to God. All that is of self and the world shall be burned in the day of our Lord's coming, and hence we are not surprised to hear Him saying to the Laodicean Church, that fitly represents the present condition of the professing Christian body, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire," Rev. 3: 8. Everywhere we see the failure of man, and the ruin of all that he touches; but for this very reason our hearts respond the more eagerly to the Spirit's voice, "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious," 1 Pet. 2: 7.

May He abundantly own the pages that follow for the comfort of saints and the salvation of sinners, leading the reader to see (1) that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine," 2 Tim. 3: 16; and (2) that all Scripture, both Old and New Testament, sets forth the person and work of Christ, Jno. 5: 39; and (3) that "Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning," Rom. 15: 4; and (4) that the Word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path, Ps. 119: 105; and (5) that we are made clean through the Word, Jno. 15: 3; and (6) that the Word is able to build us up, and to give us an inheritance among all them that are sanctified, Acts 20: 32; and (7) that we overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of our testimony, facing the devil with the blood, and the world with the word, Rev. 12: 11. To the Lamb that was slain be the glory unto the ages of ages!

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