

In verse 4 of the chapter before us, we find certain garments which were to be made; a breastplate, an ephod, and a robe, a brodered coat, a mitre, and a girdle. Now the ephod was that which peculiarly characterized the priesthood. In 1 Sam. xxii. we read of Doeg, the Edomite, falling upon and slaying fourscore persons who wore the linen ephod. David when he inquired of the Lord, put on the ephod. (1 Sam. xxiii. 9-12.) The ephod was composed of the same materials as the vail, (without the cherubims), but there was one material *added* to those composing it, which was *gold*. Gold is the figure of divine righteousness in Scripture. The inner part of the tabernacle and the furniture and the vessels were of gold. We learn from this, that while God's Son had come down in divine and perfect love, and "had taken not hold of angels, but of the seed of Abraham He had taken hold;" He who was "in the form of God, and thought it not robbery to be equal with God, made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him." God took Him up and set Him, in divine righteousness, in His presence. He is "with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." And we find Him thus set there in divine righteousness before God, and girded with the girdle of service for His people; to wash their feet and cleanse them