

"WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST."

(Exodus xxviii.)

We are told in Hebrews that "we have a great high Priest, who is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God;" and again, "we have such an high Priest who is set on the right hand of the majesty in the heavens;" and again, "If He were on earth He would not be a priest." The place of the exercise of the priesthood of Jesus is the heavens; and He has gone there as Priest, "when He had by Himself purged our sins." His priesthood follows redemption for us. He is gone as a priest there to sustain, according to the light and perfections of God's presence, those whom He has redeemed. "We see not yet all things put under Him," says the apostle, "but we see Jesus . . . crowned with glory and honour." The same words (see lxx.) as those in verse two of our chapter, when speaking of Aaron's garments of "glory and beauty," or "honour;" so we find that what Aaron was typically and officially, when clothed in these garments, Christ is personally. But before we see Him thus as represented in our chapter, let us look on Him in His life down here, before the way into the holiest was made manifest. We read in Exodus xxvi. 31, of a vail which separated the holy place from the most holy, and concealed the glory of God within. A vail composed of "blue and purple and scar-