

The Humanity of the seed of the woman.

Isaiah 7:14 – 15 *“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (15) Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.”*

Last week we looked at the birth of the “seed of the woman” and saw that He would be born of a virgin, “the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son” We saw this fulfilled in **Matthew 1:20-23** *“But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”*

Therefore, we see a lot of “supernatural” things here, 1. A virgin shall have a child. 2. The child would be a “son” 3. His name would be Emmanuel because the name means, God is with us. He has this name is Emmanuel because this child was God’s Son and not Adams. So, we have seen the prophecy and the fulfillment. We also know that Jesus Christ was Mary’s son, He had no human father. Jesus Christ was incarnate which means, Jesus the son born to Mary, or the “seed of the woman” was both God and man or deity and human. He absolutely had two natures, deity, and human. Jesus Christ

Today we want to look at His humanity, this humanity makes Him the “seed of the woman”. As God said, He would crush the head of the serpent.

A. Isaiah wrote “Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.”

1. The “butter and honey” were common foods for children in that time. Like milk and baby food today. I believe it shows His humanity.

a. Scofield said of this, this is *“Indicating the plainness and simplicity of the life in which the young Immanuel should be brought up.”*

- b. *“he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.”* Even though human He was also deity, He would know even as a child to choose good because there was no sin in Him. **2 Corinthians 5:21** *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”* In His mind He knew all the sin in the world; but he never experienced it, he was absolutely free from it, Christ never sinned, not once.
 - c. Even in His temptation directly in the presence of Satan, alone and on His own He never took the temptation.
 - d. He could never crush the head of Satan if He ever sinned.
2. But even though He was deity He was still tempted as we are. **Hebrews 4:14 - 15** *“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. (15) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”*
- B. Let’s examine the word “flesh” in the scriptures.
- 1. The word “flesh” refers to the fallen human nature. While the word has a wide verity of meanings, scripturally it is speaking about the carnal lost man.
 - a. **John 3:6** *“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”* Here God separates our two natures, if you are flesh you are not spiritual. You cannot be spiritual because you are carnal.
 - b. Paul wrote in **Romans 7:18a** *“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing...”*
 - c. If there is nothing good in the flesh, then Jesus Christ was not fleshly. **Romans 8:3** *“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:”* While Jesus Christ was human as we are human, He was not sinful flesh as we are. He had no human father which sin flows.
 - d. Some say, if He was not God He would have sinned, but no He would not because He knew no sin, it was not in Him to sin.
 - 2. Jesus Christ was human, just as we are.
 - a. He was the seed of the woman and the seed of God.

- b. He was carried 9 months in His mother's womb. **Luke 2:6 - 7** "*And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. (7) And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*"
 - c. She births Him as we are birth.
 - d. He lived the same as we live. **Luke 2:40** "*And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.*"
 - e. He grew as we grew and learned.
 - f. He was tempted as we are tempted. **Matthew 4:1 - 2** "*Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. (2) And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.*"
 - g. He was persecuted as we are.
 - h. He was everything we are in this flesh, except a sinner. Remember 2 **Corinthians 5:21** "*For he hath made him to be sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*"
3. This was necessary because He was sent to crush the serpent's head. He accomplished this by redeeming a remnant. **1 Peter 3:18** "*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*"
- C. Adam was mutable.
- 1. This means Adam was created to change unlike Jesus Christ who was born immutable.
 - 2. Adam was created to fall; it was God's elected and ordained will. God gave Adam a will to sin and sin he chose.
 - 3. Adam was a "created being" in fact He and Eve are the only two created beings, everyone else was a seed of them.
 - 4. Adam was left to himself to fall, and he fell. If God does not supply grace, we would all fall right back into sin.

5. It was Adam's fault that he did not do as God commanded. God commanded him not to eat of the tree, **Genesis 2:17** *"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."*

D. Jesus Christ was immutable.

1. This means He was not subject to change, because He is the seed of God, He was God. Anyone who says that any possibility that Jesus could have sinned does not know Jesus.
2. His temptation was real, it was harsh, it was suffering, but He did not surrender because He is not sin natured.
3. He was without question deity as much as human.
4. This was all necessary for Him to be our Saviour, to save His people from their sins.