

VIRGIN MARY, SANCTIFYING POWER OF THE WORD

Let us look in the Word of God today for some beautiful thoughts about Jesus at this Christmastime. Let us take as our thought for the day, Luke, the first chapter, and verse twenty-seven. We find that the Angel Gabriel had come:

To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary (Luke 1:27).

Let us consider for our thought for today the subject of a virgin. We can ascertain, then, why that Jesus Christ had to come by a virgin. Let us turn to Isaiah, the seventh chapter, and we will see where the LORD prophesied many, many years previously how His Son would be born of a virgin. In Isaiah 7:14.

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).

So, it was necessary for our beloved Jesus to come and be born of a virgin because it was necessary for Him to have a holy, harmless, undefiled separated body that could become a living sacrifice for sinful mankind. We know that, according to medical statistical facts that the seed of the man is 85,000 times, approximately, smaller than the seed of the woman. And we can see from this lesson here the tremendous power of the Divine Power and Word of God.

The Bible said that the Word of God was made flesh and He dwelt among us. So this small Seed of the Word of God came down and joined itself to the seed of the Virgin Mary and sanctified that seed because the Bible tells us that all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. The Bible said, "Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." The Bible says, "The wicked are estranged from the womb and go astray as soon as they be born speaking lies." So we can see that all mankind was and has been born in sin since Adam the First.

So God sent His Holy Word in a small form to enter into the Virgin Mary. And to sanctify the humanity seed so that there could be a holy body conceived.

We can see this Principle in Exodus, the thirtieth chapter and verse twenty-nine from the Old Testament, which was a figure, a shadow, a type of Jesus Christ, the living, true Tabernacle. The Word, the Tabernacle in flesh. In that verse it says that even the furniture that was in the figure, the shadow, and the type, had power to make holy or to sanctify everything that touched it, even just the shadow. So how much more can Jesus Christ sanctify our hearts, sanctify our beings, with the smallest portion of His Word. What a blessed thought that can change your heart and life for eternity.

Do not give up out there. Do not say that your problems are too great, that your sins are too big. If the smallness of the seed of the Word that came into the body of the Virgin Mary could sanctify her humanity seed to where that a Holy Body, a Holy Humanity could be conceived to become a sacrifice for us at Calvary's Cross, how much more can a greater portion or even a small portion of the Word of God do for us? And if the shadow, the figure, the type could sanctify everything and everyone that touched it, how much more then will it sanctify us if we touch the Word of God?

And let us not forget that at this Christmas season in the midst of the complexities of Christmas and all the hustle and scurrying around. Let us remember that Christmas is the Word in flesh and let us turn our thoughts upon Jesus Christ and let us touch the Word day by day. Even one Scripture read day by day has power to sanctify your entire being. Like the Psalmist said, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against you." There is sanctifying power in the Word. Jesus said, "Father, sanctify them with thy Truth. Thy Word is Truth." So the Word of God has sanctifying power. We see it, as we said, in the Old Testament Tabernacle shadow and

figure and type, and we see it in the birth of our LORD Jesus Christ, how that He sanctified the seed of the Virgin Mary because the Book of Hebrews testifies in the seventh chapter that Jesus Christ was holy, separate, undefiled, harmless, and a holy offering unto the LORD for the sin of mankind.

And, then, again, the Apostle Paul said in Ephesians, the fifth chapter:

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (Ephesians 5:24,26).

So we see that the Word of God has always sanctified. The Word of God has always made clean, the Word of God has always made holy. So if we put "Christ" in Christmas and we turn our thoughts unto Him, then Christmas will be a holy, precious, blessed time for us. But without the Christ, without the Word, to sanctify Christmas then it will have a small meaning for us if any. Likewise, in our own hearts and lives, thinking and thoughts affect you whether they be good or bad. Our actions, our feelings are all products of our thinking. The Word says:

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee (Proverbs 23:7).

So if we think upon the Word of God, that holy, pure, powerful Word of God, then, God will sanctify our hearts mightily with His Truth. It is so precious to lay hold of the Word of Truth. Yes, a virgin did conceive and bear forth a son and this virgin was sanctified by the living Word that entered in unto her. Yes, the angel came to Mary and said that she was highly favoured among women. What a favour that the Word of God should sanctify her flesh, her seed, her humanity. And we are highly favoured of God when he gives us opportunity to know Jesus Christ and feast upon His Word and let His Holy, Precious Word sanctify and cleanse our hearts with His Divine Purity and His Divine Power through that precious Word.

The Word of God became equal with the Virgin Mary. And how great is His humility to come down and be willing to humble us that we might be joined to Him. Shall we pray.

Heavenly Father, we come to You today in the Precious Wonderful Name of Jesus Christ, and we pray that You, O God, would hide the words of thy Truth into our hearts. We pray, LORD, that You would just seal Your Word. We pray, LORD, that Your Word might have full free course in our wills, in our hearts, and in our lives that we might also be like our blessed Saviour, be holy and harmless and separate from sinners and undefiled and separated unto Thy Divine Holy Will. Bless, we pray, in Jesus' Lovely, Precious Name. Amen. ☐