

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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* The Fall was a "lawful" act; that is, Adam had a legal right to transfer the authority and dominion that God had placed in his hands, into the hands of another. This gives Satan a "legal right" to rule over mankind and over creation. The Plan of Redemption is one of the most ingenious, and most wonderful of all the many works of God. Notice what He is obliged to do. Man sold himself out to the Devil, making himself a bonds slave, and that slavery will last until the lease or period of man's dominion expires. God must in some way redeem fallen man from his sin, and Satan's dominion. He must do it in such a way as not to be unjust to Satan. God must recognize and hold inviolate man's treacherous act of transference of dominion. It was a legal act, and God has no right to "arbitrarily" annul it. He must show to Satan perfect justice at all points, and at the same time He must reach man in his helplessness and redeem him. In order to do this, it is necessary that one come to the earth who is not a subject of Satan, and yet a man, and as a man meet every demand of justice against man. In order to accomplish this, there must be an Incarnation. This Incarnate One must not be a subject of Satan, nor a subject of death, and to this end, God sends the Holy Spirit to a virgin in Judah, and she conceives and bears a son. This son is born, not of natural generation but of supernatural. The child is not a subject of death nor of Satan. He has the same type of a body that the first man, Adam, had before he sinned.

....*"the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, the young woman who is unmarried and a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [God with us]. [Isa 9:6; Jer 31:22; Mic 5:3-5; Mat 1:22-23]".... Isaiah 7:14 The Amplified Translation*