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The Wonder of God Becoming Human

Introduction

In ancient days there were seven great wonders of the world. As far as I can discern, they were:

- a) The Great Pyramid at Giza
- b) The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- c) The Statue of Zeus at Olympia
- d) The Temple of Artemis
- e) The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus
- f) The Colossus at Rhodes
- g) The Lighthouse of Alexandria.

The seven wonders of the present world (2018) are:

- a) The Great Wall of China
- b) Petra in Jordan
- c) The Roman Colosseum in Rome
- d) The Chichen Itza in Mexico
- e) The Machu Picchu in Peru
- f) The Taj Mahal in India
- g) Christ the Redeemer Statue in Brazil.

However, the seven greatest wonders of any world, be it celestial, demonic or terrestrial, are:

- a) The grace of God in that which He offers
- b) The mercy of God in what He offers to withhold?
- c) The love of God in the demonstrations of His love and mercy
- d) The longsuffering of God toward rebellious humanity
- e) The condescension and incarnation of the Lord (Deity becoming man)
- f) His substitutionary death
- g) His resurrection

Space does not permit us to deal with these seven wonderful truths so our thoughts will be on, “The condescension and incarnation of the Lord (Deity becoming man)”.

The Man Jesus is God Incarnate

We live in a world of false cults and religions which increasingly deny that Jesus had come in the flesh, that is, as a real human being. This teaching is satanic in its origin and contrary to the Scripture of truth. The scriptures plainly teach:

- a) "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God" (1 Jn. 4:2)
- b) "Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" (1 Jn. 4:3)
- c) "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist" (2 Jn. 1:7)

Who Are We Considering?

When we speak about Jesus of Nazareth we are considering the Carpenter of Nazareth who made carts and wheels etc., the same God who made all things. He is the Word without whom was not anything made (Jn. 1:1-3), the One who "spake, and it was done" (Psa. 33:9). He is first presented to humanity in Genesis chapter one as the Supreme Designer, Creator and Developer of the universe, all life forms and humans (Gen. 1:1-2:3). This He did by the word of His power as evidenced by the words, "And God said" (Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29). The following are notes from Mr. Marsh, a Bible teacher from long ago, when He observed:

- a) "God created" (Gen. 1:1, 21, 27). Displaying His power to bring into existence.
- b) "God made" (Gen. 1:7, 16, 25, 31; 2:2, 3). His power to fashion and beautify.
- c) "God saw" (Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31). His power to discern and appreciate.
- d) "God called" (Gen. 1:5, 8, 10). His power to describe and name.
- e) "God divided" (Gen. 1:4). His power to separate and distinguish.
- f) "God set" (Gen. 1:17). His power to place and keep.
- g) "God ended" (Gen. 2:2) His power to accomplish and complete.
- h) "God blessed" (Gen. 1:28; 2:3). His power to enrich and sanctify

When the Lord condescended to leave the heights of glory dwelling amid wonders of adoring angelic beings and become human, He did not just enter into our world as He did when the angel of the Lord and the angels appeared to Abraham (Gen. 18:1-10). He became a real human being, which is evident apart from the genealogies of Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38. The lovely words of John, "The Word was made flesh" (Jn. 1:14) and by becoming human He answered the questions of mankind, "Who am I?" and "Why am I here?" He clearly told who He was exclusively (Jn. 10:7; 6:35; 10:11) and why He came (Mk. 1:38).

The Unsearchable Mystery

While those who are redeemed will never, even in eternity, comprehend the mystery of godliness, "God manifest in flesh". However, by the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit the individual who has accepted the Lord as their Saviour can ponder and wonder at its stupendousness. This teaching is that the Lord did not come into this world as the Angel of the Lord, but to be the perfect Revealer of God (Jn. 1:18) and the Father (Jn. 14:8, 9). Since only deity could fully reveal deity, He had to be God, or He is a liar of the highest order. Furthermore, He fully knew every thought of every individual throughout the world from the beginning of time (Psa. 139:2-5; Jn. 2:25).

He, who was God, came in the form of a Servant (Phil. 2:7) and became a man, partaking of flesh and blood (Heb. 2:14), yet never being anything less than deity. He is over all, God blessed for ever (Rom. 9:5). Yet, so was His humanity that He stands a paradox, an enigma. He is God from everlasting. Jesus had a natural human birth at Bethlehem (Matt. 2:1). His conception was unique, being born of a virgin, but His birth was as many other babies. Being God He is omnipresent (Psa. 139:7-11) yet the man Jesus was localized. Being God He is Sovereign. David said, "Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all" (1 Chron. 29:11), yet becoming man He became a Servant (Phil. 2:7). God cannot die (Deut. 5:26) yet the man Jesus died (Rev. 1:18). No wonder the hymn writer wrote:

But the high mysteries of His name,
An angels grasp transcend
The Father only - glorious claim,
The Son can comprehend.

When the atom was discovered and man sought to find a word to describe the tininess of it, he discovered that every word he knew, diminutive, minute, etc., all were alike in that they indicated something too big. When we consider the Person of

Christ, we soon realize that every distinguishing feature He has, every attribute, every manifestation of power or wisdom, every declaration on any subject, every prerogative being exercised, all are far beyond our understanding and comprehension. We will find that no matter what words can be found in any language of any culture, of any clime of any age, all are too small to convey the wonder of Christ. When musing such a person we must say with the Psalmist, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it" (Psa. 139:6).

Why Was His Humanity Necessary?

There can be no doubt that the ways of God are past finding out. He does what either He determines, or permits angels, man or creation to do. The angels had a choice of rebellion with Satan or showing loyalty to God. An unknown number decided to rebel against God. They became the fallen angels or demons. For those who rebelled against God there was no salvation for them. Christ suffered for the sins of human beings and no fallen satanic sympathizer will ever be in Heaven with the Lord. Hebrews informs the readers, "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham" (Heb. 2:16). "Furthermore, there is no salvation provided for angels for the scriptures inform us that Hell was "prepared for the devil and his angels" (demons) (Matt. 25:41). God never created Hell for any human being. Those who perish in their sins do so by personal choice of rejecting the offer of salvation.

Since it was man who sinned and brought in condemnation, it must be a man who can restore man to God. This is the plain teaching of Romans chapter 5. In the latter part of that chapter a distinction is drawn between Christ and Adam, for by one man sin came into the world and death, so by one man there can be cleansing from sin and death (v.19). The following verses reveal the fulness of God's love:

- a) John 3:16
 - i) "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son" (Who suffered for man's sins and speaks so clearly of the consequences)
 - ii) "he that believeth in Him should not perish" (Be banished in Hell eternally)
 - iii) "but have everlasting life"
- b) John 5:24
 - i) Salvation is to be accepted as a gift. For those who reject God's way of salvation, they do not need to wait until the judgment to see if on the scales of Heaven their good deeds outweigh the bad ones. The judgement is already declared, each individual is condemned already (Jn. 5:24).

There will never be an individual in Hell because there was no salvation for them, and never will there be an individual in Heaven who had no time for God and His salvation.

Illustration

Many years ago in Scotland there were two little boys who were the best of pals. They went everywhere together and enjoyed each others company. One day they were swimming and one little lad began to drown. Immediately his friend jumped in and saved his life. As time passed they each found other company and drifted away from each other. One became a judge and the other a murderer. One day the criminal was brought to the court and the judge was none other than his boyhood friend. The man was found to be guilty and the judge had to pass sentence. Looking at his former friend he said, "One day I was your saviour, but today I am your judge", and sentenced him to be hanged. This is an illustration of how it will be when the Lord returns. If while living you didn't accept Him to be your Lord and Saviour, then when you stand before Him when He returns, He will be your Judge (Rev. 20:11-15).

My question to you is:

**" What will you do with Jesus?
Accept Him or reject Him"**



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