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WHY JESUS CAME

As we look into the question of why Jesus came to the earth, we go first to the book of Genesis, the book of beginnings. There we find that man was made by God, and that he was given dominion over all the works of God's hand. We learn that man was created to answer God's yearning, that he was created for joy, happiness, and peace.

We see that sin, sickness and death, hatred and revenge had no place in the original plan of the Creator, and that present conditions of society and of the world are not normal. They were never a part of the original design, they are the result of a usurper. Man was designed to be the eternal associate of God and he was formed on those lines. When he first came forth from the womb of creation, he came complete with all his faculties and forces tuned to the pitch of God's great heart-desire.

God gave man a place in His creation second only to Himself, with dominion as far reaching as heaven and with authority over every planet and star of the universe.

Then man did the unthinkable. He committed a crime against eternity, against his unborn children, against creation, and against the Creator. He committed high treason against the supreme court of the universe, against the government of God.

He turned this love-dream of God into the hands of an enemy, giving the enemy the dominion that God had originally given to him. And it was done on such a legal basis that God could not annul the contract that He had made with Adam.

Adam was the master of himself, of creation, and of Satan. He did not have to yield to sin unless he chose to. Man was no missing link, he was God's crown of creation standing in the full light of perfect knowledge and dominion. Satan was his servant and subject.

There is only one reason why Adam could have sinned. When his wife yielded to temptation, he saw the great gulf between himself and his precious wife. There was no way in which Adam could excuse himself. His sin was deliberate, it was in the face of known facts. He knew that what he did would have an effect upon creation, upon his own children, and upon his creator, God. Yet in order to regain Eve's companionship, Adam knowingly committed high treason against God.

Thus began the destructive reign of Satan. The first thing Satan did was to change the nature of the whole animal creation and blight the vegetable kingdom. He breathed into man his own diabolical nature and disposition so that the heart-treasure of God---man---was disfigured and became the

enemy of his Father-Creator.

Language is absolutely inadequate to express the horror of the first hours after the fall of man---the convulsions in the animal kingdom, the horror of Adam's awakening, the wail of distress of pain and fear that went up from the whole of creation. Job tells us that even the stars were made unclean in the sight of God. The moon and sun lost their beauty, and man, God's crown of creation, fell from his lofty estate as an under-ruler of God to a cringing, servile, lying, fearful, demon-ruled human. The image that God had stamped upon him was slowly erased, and the image of his new father and master was penciled in its place by sin. So complete was man's subjection to the devil that he turned liar the first hour, and a lie is a badge of Satanic dominion in the earth today.

To further compound the horror, Adam's firstborn wet his hands in the blood of his second child. In the excess of his grief, Adam named his first grandchild Enoch, which means "mortal," "death-doomed," or "Satan-ruled."

For this reason man is spiritually bankrupt. He has lost his approach to God. He has lost his legal standing and has become a citizen of a foreign king. He has renounced his allegiance to the God of the universe.

God must now assume the liabilities of man's transgression. He must in some way redeem

man from Satan's dominion and give back to him the forfeited life, change his nature again into harmony with His own, and defeat the devil. But this must be restored on legal grounds. God cannot ignore man's hideous transgression. It must be punished. If man is restored to God, it must be on grounds that will not pauperize man nor rob him of his self respect. But it must also be upon legal grounds that will perfectly justify man in the sight of God and give him as good a standing as though he had never sinned.

Justice makes her demand that man pay the penalty of his crime. However, man is unable to pay even the interest on it. The penalty of man's transgression is hell. This unpardonable sin of treason against God is the basic reason for the incarnation and substitutionary sacrifice of God's beloved Son.

The incarnation and the substitutionary sacrifice of God's Son go hand in hand. Because man cannot save himself, God must provide a redeemer. The penalty of man's treason must be met by God if man is to be saved.

Man had no sooner fallen under the dominion of his enemy than the great heart of God began to plan his redemption. At the very gates of Eden from which man had been driven a sacrifice was slain, blood was spilled, and a garment of atonement was offered to man. (The word "atonement" means a covering.) Man had stripped himself and stood naked in the presence of justice. God made a covering of skins for Adam, which was a type of atonement for his soul.

At the very beginning of man's existence on earth God gave the blood covenant, and on the grounds of this every man who entered into it had the promise

of redemption from all his sins. Adam himself, the father of all the sin, heartaches, and tears of the ages, has a right to this promise of a final redemption from his own guilt. The shedding of the blood of innocent animals was only a type of that which was to come. God made provision for man's penalty for sin. The penalty is spiritual death and hell. Someone must go there and pay man's penalty, for there is not a man who can represent the human race before God. Neither is there a man who can stand for himself before God, for the whole human race is under indictment.

As soon as man fell, God began to speak through prophets promising that a redeemer should come who would break Satan's dominion and restore to man his lost dominion. In the prophetic utterances in Genesis 3:15 concerning the "Coming One," we see the base in the great oratory of redemption--- His Lordship and dominion. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." He is going to break the dominion of Satan, He is going to set men free, He is going to bruise the head of the serpent.

In Isaiah 7:14 we have a very important statement of the coming redeemer. "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The child would be called Immanuel, or Incarnation. Here God suggests the union of deity and humanity.

In Isaiah 9:6 we read, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlast-

ing Father, The Prince of Peace." In other words, He shall come as a ruler to have authority and dominion.

Of all prophetic references to the coming Saviour, His name in this verse in Isaiah is perhaps the most striking. "Wonderful" "Counselor"--the great lawyer of God's family. "Mighty God" ---no Jewish mother would dare to call her child "Mighty God," for it would be rank blasphemy, and both she and her child would be a revealer of the Father, as we find Him in the gospel of John. "Prince of Peace"---to one day bring everlasting peace.

We can see one of the clearest pictures of the incarnation--- why Jesus came---in John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Here, in capsule form, we have the story of the union of deity and humanity, a child conceived in a virgin's womb by a supernatural manifestation because man's sin had necessitated a second miracle greater than the miracle of creation to encompass his redemption from the power and guilt of his own transgressions. Jesus came and dwelled in mortal flesh that we might be eternally reunited with the Father.

MONTHLY LESSON

Last month we completed the studies on the Holy Spirit and His Gifts. The lesson for this month is a very timely title, The Incarnation.

ALL FAITHS CRUSADES

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEXICO

On November 28th, we begin our Crusade in Albuquerque, New Mexico in Calvary Assembly Auditorium.

The auditorium is located at 2520 Chama, N.E. The Crusade will begin on Sunday, November 28th at 7:00 P.M. Weekday services will be each day, Monday thru Saturday at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

The closing service will be Sunday, December 5th at 7:00 P.M. Invite your friends and come share the good things of God with us.

NEW RADIO STATIONS

During the month of November, our Faith Seminar of the Air went on four new radio stations. We thank God for this as many people will now hear this message of faith.

Tune in these broadcasts in your area and let us hear from you as we need to know how many are listening.

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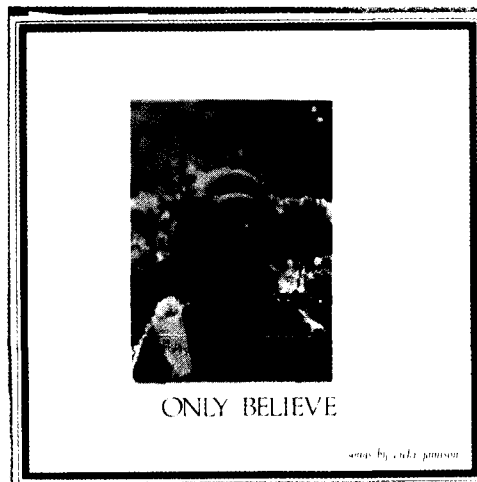
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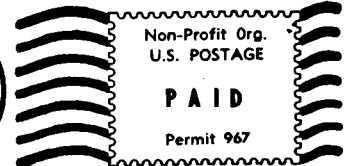
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