

of the law are under the curse. *The letter killeth* (II Corinthians 3:6).

### ONLY THE BLOOD

God said to Israel and to us, *When I see the blood, I will pass over you*. He did not say, "When I see your goodness, your morality, your works, your fervent religious worship, your earnestness in trying to keep the Ten Commandments or observe the Golden Rule, I will pass over you." No, it is simply this: *When I see the blood, I will pass over you*. Do you think that I have made too much of the blood; that I have overemphasized its importance? Listen, blood is mentioned in the Bible about **SEVEN HUNDRED TIMES** from Genesis to Revelation, and when we visualize the redeemed throng in heaven described in the book of the Revelation, we hear them singing, not about their goodness, not about how they have kept the law and been faithful, but this is the song:

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood (Revelation 1:5).

### IV

#### THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, **BEFORE THEY CAME TOGETHER**, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

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** (Matthew 1:18-20).

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** (Matthew 1:22-23).

Anyone can deny that *the Bible Teaches the Virgin Birth*. We can understand how men can reject the Bible record, but how men can say that the Bible does not teach the **VIRGIN BIRTH** is beyond conception.

The Bible teaches plainly that Jesus was conceived in the womb of a virgin Jewish mother by a supernatural act of the Holy Ghost, wholly and apart from any generation by a human father. This, the Bible teaches so plainly that to the believer there is no room for doubt. The record cannot be mistaken by the careful and rigorous student of the Word.

### JESUS SINLESS

The Bible teaches in addition that Jesus was a **SINLESS** man. Whereas all men from Adam to this day are born with Adam's sinful nature, and therefore are subject to the curse and eternal death, the Man Jesus was without sin and therefore **DEATHLESS**, until He took the sin of others upon Himself and died **THEIR** death.

God has made of **ONE BLOOD ALL THE NATIONS** of the earth. Even though Jesus, therefore, received His flesh, His body, from a sinful race, He could still be sinless as long as sinful blood was not in His body. God provided a way whereby Jesus could be perfectly human according to the flesh and yet not have the blood of sinful humanity. That was the problem solved by the virgin birth.

**ORIGIN OF THE BLOOD**

It is now definitely known that the blood which flows in an unborn babe's arteries and veins is not derived from the mother but is produced within the body of the foetus. Yet it is only after the sperm has entered the ovum and a foetus begins to develop that blood appears. As a very simple illustration of this, think of the egg of a hen. An unfertilized egg is simply an ovum on a much larger scale than the human ovum. You may incubate this unfertilized hen's egg, but it will never develop. It will dry up completely but no chick will result. But let that egg be fertilized by the introduction of the male sperm and incubation will bring to light the presence of **LIFE IN AN**

**EMBRYO.** After a few hours it visibly develops. In a little, while red streaks occur, denoting the presence of **BLOOD.** And life is in the blood according to Scripture, for Moses says:

For the life of the flesh is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11). For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof (Leviticus 17:14).

**MOTHER'S BLOOD SEPARATE**

It is unnecessary that a single drop of blood be given to the developing embryo in the womb of the mother. Such is the case according to scientists. The mother provides the fetus (the unborn developing infant) with the nutritive elements for the building of that little body in the secret of her womb, but all the blood which forms in it is formed in the embryo itself. From the time of conception to the time of birth of the infant not **ONE SINGLE DROP OF BLOOD** ever passes from mother to child. The placenta, that mass of temporary tissue known better as "afterbirth," forming the link between mother and child, is so constructed that although all the soluble nutritive elements such as proteins, fats, carbohydrates, salts, minerals and even antibodies pass freely from mother to child and the waste products of the child's metabolism are passed back to the mother's circulation, no actual interchange of a single drop of blood ever occurs normally. All the blood which is in that child is produced within the child itself. The mother contributes no blood at all.

**TESTIMONY OF SCIENCE**

Now for the sake of some readers who may doubt these statements let me quote from a few reliable authorities. In Howell's *Textbook of Physiology*, Second Edition, pages 885 and 886, I read:

For the purpose of understanding its general functions it is sufficient to recall that the placenta consists essentially of vascular chronic papillae from the fetus (the unborn child) bathed in the large blood spaces of the decidual membrane of the mother. The fetal and maternal blood

**Do NOT COME INTO ACTUAL CONTACT. THEY ARE SEPA**

**RATED FROM EACH OTHER** by the walls of the fetal blood vessels and the epithelial layers of the chronic villae.

Or let me quote from Williams' *Practice of Obstetrics*, Third Edition, page 133:

The fetal blood in the vessels of the chronic villae **AT No TIME GAINS ACCESS TO THE MATERNAL BLOOD** in the intervillous spaces, **BEING SEPARATED FROM ONE ANOTHER** by the double layer of chronic epithelium.

And from page 136 of the same recognized textbook I quote:

Normally there is no communication between the fetal blood and the maternal blood.

Now for the benefit of those of you who may be nurses, let me quote from a textbook which is familiar to you. I quote as follows from *Nurse's Handbook of Obstetrics* by Louise Zabriskie, R.N., Fifth Edition, page 75:

When the circulation of the blood begins in the embryo, it remains separate and distinct from that of the mother. All food and waste material which are interchanged between the embryo and the mother must pass through the blood vessel walls from one circulation to the other.

And from page 82 of the same book I quote:

The fetus receives its nourishment and oxygen from the mother's blood into its own through the medium of the placenta. The fetal heart pumps blood through the arteries of the umbilical cord into the placental vessels, which, looping in and out of the uterine tissue and lying in close contact with the uterine vessels, permit diffusion, through their walls, of waste products from child to mother and of nourishment and oxygen from mother to child. As has been said, this interchange is affected by the process of osmosis, and there is no direct mingling of the two blood currents. In other words, no maternal blood actually flows to the foetus, nor is there any direct fetal blood flow to the mother.

### GOD'S WONDERFUL PROVISION

HOW wonderfully God prepared for the virgin birth of His Son. When He created woman He made her so that no blood would be able to pass from her to her offspring. In order to produce a sinless man who would yet be the son of Adam,

God provided a way whereby that man would have a human body derived from Adam but have blood from a separate source. Some have tried to answer the question, "How could He be sinless and yet born of woman?" by making Mary the "Immaculate Virgin." That, however, does not answer the question of *how JESUS* was sinless.

It is plainly taught in Scripture that Jesus partook of human flesh without partaking of the effect of Adam's blood. In Hebrews 2:14 we read:

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood he also himself likewise took part of the same.

You will notice that the "children," that is, the human children are said to be partakers of **FLESH** and **BLOOD**, and then, speaking of Jesus, this verse says that He *himself likewise took part of the same*. The word "took part" as applying to Christ is an entirely different word from "partakers" as applied to the children. In the margin of my Bible, I read that the word translated "took part" implies "taking part in something outside one's self." The Greek word for partakers is **KOYNONEHO** and means "to share fully," so that all of Adam's children share fully in Adam's flesh and blood. When we read that Jesus "took part of the same" the word is **METECHO** which means "to take part but not all." The children take both flesh and blood of Adam but Christ took only part, that is, the flesh part, whereas the blood was the result of supernatural conception.

Jesus was a perfect human being after the flesh. He was of the seed of David according to the flesh, but blood is that part of a man which is the divine addition. In the creation of man, Adam's body was made from the dust of the earth, but God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Since life is in the blood, this act resulted in the formation of blood in Adam's body, but the first Adam's blood was corrupted and sin is in all mankind since God *hath made of one blood all nations*. In the last Adam and the second man, new and divine and sinless blood was produced in a body that was the seed of Adam and by this resulted in the production of

## DIVINE BLOOD

Conception by the Holy Ghost was the only way the virgin birth could be accomplished. Mary nourished the body of Jesus and He became the *seed of David according to the flesh*. The Holy Spirit contributed the blood of Jesus. It is sinless blood. It is divine blood. It is precious blood, for there has never been any other like it. It is —**INNOCENT BLOOD**

*I have betrayed the innocent blood*, Judas confessed in Matthew 27:4. Our Lord was innocent. He became like unto us in all things — **SIN** only excepted; like unto us with **ONE EXCEPTION** — instead of being conceived by a human father, He was conceived by a **DIVINE FATHER**. As a result, biologically, He had **DIVINE BLOOD, SINLESS BLOOD**. Because this blood is sinless it is —**INCORRUPTIBLE BLOOD**

Sin made human blood corruptible. Soon after death decay sets in, and it begins in the blood. That is why meat must be drained well of its blood. That is why embalmers place the embalming fluid in the blood. David said that *Jesus' body should not see corruption*. Though He was dead three days and three nights, His body did not corrupt. Because He was sinless they could not put Him to death but instead He laid down His life voluntarily that He might take it up again. He arose by His own power because death had no claim on **HIM** except the claim of others' sin, and when that was paid —Death cannot keep his prey —Jesus, my Saviour;

He tore the bars away —Jesus, my Lord.

Up from the grave He arose,

With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.

Sinner, have you received this Saviour and have you been washed in His **PRECIOUS BLOOD**? If not, you are still under the curse and the awful sentence of death. Why not accept Him today and hear Him as He says:

God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now **JUSTIFIED** By His **BLOOD**, we shall be saved from wrath through him (Romans 5:8, 9).

## V

### THE SANCTITY OF BLOOD

But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat (Genesis 9:4).

This is part of the very first command which God gave to man after the awful judgment of the Flood of Noah. After the wickedness of man had reached its peak in antediluvian days, God, in order to spare the human race from complete corruption, sent a great Flood upon the earth and destroyed all men except one family — the family of a man who by the grace of God had still remained *perfect in his generations*. With this new family on a cleansed and renewed earth, the Lord began a new chapter in the history of humanity. No sooner had God, however, released Noah from the Ark, than He gave him some instructions concerning his conduct, lest another judgment should fall upon them. Chief among these instructions was the commandment "**EAT No BLOOD.**" *But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.* "**EAT No BLOOD,**" said God to man as he emerged on the new earth. Is there not here more than a mere suggestion that the Flood may have come in part as the result of man's disregard for the "sacredness of blood"?

We know that the earth was filled with violence, and the first overt sin committed after the fall was the sin of the shedding of Abel's innocent blood. This blood cried for vengeance from the ground. If that innocent blood called for vengeance in the Flood of Noah, shall God not also avenge the blood of those who today are dying because of the latter-day violence which is unquestionably in fulfillment of the words of our Lord when He said:

But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.