



[H.I.S.] \*H e Is Savior, Acts 4:12

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Thanksgiving as a holiday is now past, but our *Thanksgiving* for our Savior and Lord Jesus will continue till He comes to call us home to be with Him forever.

*"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptations, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."*(2 Timothy 1:15.)

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*"For unto us the child is born, unto us the Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulders: and His name shall be called Wonderful, counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."* (Isaiah 9:6.)  
Indeed, **He is the Mighty God. He is all that scriptures say He is.** In His first coming He came to offer God's gift of *salvation to all who come to God and receive Him.* (John 1:12; Eph. 2:8-9.)

When He comes again, He comes as a judge of the world that has rejected Him. (Rev. 20:11-15.)

He is the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. (Rev. 19:11-16.) He will sit on the David's Throne and rule the world forever and ever just as was two thousand years ago promised to His mother Mary. (Luke 1:31-33.)

*"... the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto the city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what kind of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."* (Luke 1:26-38.)

Have you tried to imagine what were Mary's thoughts after the angel's announcement to her?

**Mary, did you know?** We love this song!

*"Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule all the nations?*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save your sons and daughters?*

*Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?*

*That this child that you've delivered will soon deliver you.*

*Mary, did you know that this sleeping child you are holding is the Great I AM?  
And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God."*

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His name "*Jesus*" (*YSHUA*) presents Him as *Jehovah-Savior*. His title is "*Christ*", the *Anointed One, Messiah and King*. His title, the *Son of David*, is connected in the Old Testament in both of His roles – *King of Israel and Messiah*. Matt. 1:23 presents Jesus as who He really is, "*God with us*", born of a *Virgin* as prophesied in *Isaiah 7:14*.

The Gospels present Jesus in His four roles to mankind – 1) as *King*, 2) as *Servant of God*, 3) as *man*, 4) and as *God*.

- 1) Matthew's gospel introduces Jesus as King and Messiah. Matthew's genealogy of Jesus begins with Abraham, the father of the Jews (i.e. legal lineage). (Matt. 1:1-16.) The symbol of Matthew's gospel is a *Lion*. Jesus is the "*Lion of the Tribe of Judah*". (Matthew wrote primarily to the Jews.)
- 2) Mark's gospel presents Jesus as a Servant of God, thus Mark gives no genealogy. The Symbol of Mark's gospel is an *Ox*. (Mark wrote primarily to the Romans.)
- 3) Luke's gospel presents Jesus as Son of Man, and he begins His genealogy (His blood line) from the first man, *Adam*. (Luke 3:23-38.) The symbol of Luke's gospel is a *Man*. (Luke wrote primarily to the Greeks.)
- 4) John's gospel presents Jesus as Who He really is, Eternal God the Son who became a man for our salvation. (John 1:1, 14.) The Symbol of John's gospel is an *Eagle*. (John wrote to the whole world.)

Most Bible readers tend to skip the genealogy-part of Matthew's gospel (Matt. 1:1-16) as important only to Jews who had been waiting for their King, Son of David, but "*not important to us*" as *non-Jewish believers in Jesus*. They start reading from chapter 2 about the birth of Jesus. However, the genealogy of Jesus is very important for it gives evidence that He is eligible for the *Throne of David*, and thus He is the promised King of Israel and the Messiah that all Israel has been waiting for. Unless it can be shown that Jesus is the legal descendant of David through the royal line, He could not be their awaited King or the Messiah. Thus Matthew begins his account with the documentary evidence that Jesus inherited the legal right to the throne of David through his step-father Joseph, husband of Mary. Matthew proves by the solid available evidence that Jesus indeed is the legal descendant of David and thus the King of Israel who was to come. Matthew follows the royal line from David through his son Solomon, and concludes His genealogy with Joseph of whom Jesus was an adopted Son, proving that thus Jesus indeed was the legal heir to the throne of David. However the Old Testament reports a very serious problem in David's lineage for the Lord had placed a blood-curse on David's kingly line (after the king of Judah, Coniah/Jeconiah). (See Jer. 22:30.) But when we continue to study the Old Testament records carefully, we'll find out that God had given a prophetic solution to this problem already in *Genesis 3:15*, which solution was the *Virgin Birth*. (Isa. 7:14.)

Matthew's and Luke's genealogies of Jesus are identical through David's son Solomon, but after Solomon Luke departs from Matthew's genealogy and traces the family tree through Jesus' bloodline through Nathan, another son of David (the second surviving son of Bathsheba), carrying it down through Mary's father, Heli, (Mary was Heli's only daughter), thus showing that Jesus is the lineal blood descent of King David, but not through the cursed legal line through Joseph, Jesus' adoptive father. This is very important for God had made an unconditional covenant with David a millennium earlier, promising that his kingdom would last forever (Ps. 89:4, 36-37) and that the promised Messiah will come from the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10), from the blood-line of David and that He will sit on David's throne. (Ruth 4:22; 2 Sam. 7:11-16.) The Angel of God had made that same promise to Mary, in Luke 1:32, 37.

It can be seen from the Garden of Eden onward that the Devil's attempt has been to destroy God's plans for mankind's redemption and divert them so that God's prophesies and promises to David could not come true. Again, Satan may have thought that he won, for from history we learn that from Solomon to Jeconiah, Israel's kings went from bad to worse till finally God placed a blood-curse on Jeconiah, affecting the kingly bloodline from Jeconiah (Jeconiah was also called Coniah or Jehoach) onward thus disqualifying his blood descents from the throne. (Jer. 22:30.) God in His wisdom over-ruled Satan's "*victory*" with Jeconiah that had brought the curse. The Virgin-birth solves this problem. We learn that Jesus Christ is indeed the legal heir to the throne of David through Mary's husband, Joseph, but is not his blood descent. Jesus is from the seed of David but his blood descent through His mother Mary. Thus God bypassed the blood curse He had put on descents of Jeconiah, making the Virgin-birth mandatory. Our God

**reigns! His Word is infallible and true! God had promised that *David's kingdom will last forever* (Ps. 89:4, 36-37), and it will, for Christ Jesus will reign forever as David's greater Son.**

**Furthermore because Jesus lives forever there can be no other claimant to David's throne. In other words, no one else can come and claim to be *the King of Israel, the King of kings and the Lord of lords*. That position is reserved and belongs to Jesus Christ alone. *His name "Jesus" (YSHUA) presents Him as Jehovah-Savior* (Matt. 1:18-23.)**

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**From our mailbox:** (This argument is presented to us quite often by Mormons who say **that the LDS Church does not teach that their god was once a man and that men can also progress and become gods.** **An LDS man wrote,** *"You wrote that the Mormon Church and its Prophet and President, Gordon B. Hinckley, some years ago denied and he even lied that they teach that God was once a man and that men can become Gods. Your statements are false and unwarranted. However, I'd say that there is not a Mormon who has been a member even for a short time that does not know that we are taught, and we accordingly believe that God was once a man and that we have potential of become gods ourselves, same as all Gods have done before us. It is central to Mormon beliefs. This was taught by Joseph Smith and prophets after him. When our previous prophet, Gordon B. Hinckley, was asked by Time magazine as well as during some other interviews in 1997 if the Mormon Church teaches this, he understood the question to mean **if it is taught from the pulpit today?** He said **"I don't know that we teach that... I don't know that we emphasize that."** You say that he lied, **but he told the truth.** I have been an active member all my life and **I don't remember any of the General Authorities emphasizing or teaching it lately,** but we study it from the past teachings of our prophets and we believe it to be God's truth and doctrine. We do not emphasize (or talk about) this teaching openly now, but instead we emphasize obeying God in order to become like he is. As President Hinckley said, he understood the theory behind it even though he said that he does not know a lot about it. You misrepresented our prophet and the Church when you accused him of lying. A prophet of God will not lie."*

**Reply:** This doctrine was openly taught even in 1997, at the time when Pres. Hinckley made his denial, and *is taught today in LDS teaching manuals.* See: LDS Priesthood manual of 1997-1998, "Teachings of Presidents of the Church, Brigham Young", lesson # 4, that says, **"The doctrine that God was once a man and thus progressed to become a God is unique to this Church."** (p.34.) **"Some would have us believe that God is present everywhere. It is not so."** (p. 29) It declares that mankind is made **"after his (God's) likeness"** – **that he is our Father in Heaven who begat all the spirits that ever were or ever will be, upon this earth."** It continues, **"We were made first spiritual [beings] and afterward temporal [physical beings]"**. (p. 30.)

**The Bible teaches exactly the opposite:** **"Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural [physical]; and afterward that which is spiritual."** (1 Cor. 15:46.) **We are not born as God's children, but as "children of the flesh", Adam's posterity. "They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God."** (Rom. 9:8.) **We are created by God. We are first born "natural" (physical) and when we receive Jesus (of the Bible) (John 1:12-13). Jesus said we must be born again (John 3:7), and when we are born from above, then we become children of God"**. (John 1:12.) **However, men will never become gods.** There is only one God. Contrary to LDS Church teachings, God of the Bible says, **"...before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me."** (Isa. 43:10; 44:8b.) I agree that **a Prophet of the true God will not lie."** Isaiah warned about lying prophets. **"...the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed."** (Isa. 9:1b-16.) **False prophets and their teachings are like "tails of a scorpion" (Rev. 9:10-11) – their teaching will not only hurt spiritually, but they can even destroy their followers eternally.**

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**We want to thank you, our friends and partners in this H.I.S. Ministry for you prayers and support.** When we started this ministry 35 years ago, we named it **HIS Ministry**, putting our trust in His provision and asking that He will work through us. **We present our needs to the Lord daily, just as He says we should** (Phil. 4:6), and we have learned by experience NOT to be anxious for anything, not even things that do not look good at the moment. We continue to believe that because it is **HIS Ministry** and He will take care of all our needs for the ministry and for us personally also.

Our faith has been tested many times in this matter. Our faith has been strengthened by reading about Hudson Taylor's and George Muller's *faith ministries* and how the Lord cared for their needs – often just “*at the last minute*”. George Muller said, “***The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.***” It truly **has been a blessing to depend on the Lord alone, and at the same time come to know *friends of this ministry whom He chooses to assist us in this work.*** There are not very many, but those who help us have been faithful. And we thank you very much! We have been able to continue giving Bibles and other books, DVDs, CDs, booklets and other materials worldwide to those needing them. Dennis has been working full time doing carpentry work all these years to provide for our living and also to financially support the ministry when needed. God is good. We thank our Lord that He has blessed us to see the fruit of our work over these many years, not only here in Utah, but even nation and world-wide. We are very thankful to have witnessed five precious active Mormons here come to the biblical salvation and receive God's gift of salvation by grace. We are still receiving good reports from Australia also and we now have a soon to be **former Mormon couple**, living in France, whom we have known over 50 years, *committing to leave the LDS Church* and they are now attending a Christian (Baptist) church there.

This year (2019) has been blessed regardless that I have during last 5.5 months have severe back pain. One and a half months ago I had a surgical procedure to fix two fractures in vertebra discovered in an MRI. It didn't seem to reduce the pain much, and new x-rays now show a third fracture. I am not willing to have another surgery, and my regular doctor informed me that she has arranged me to have **infusion of medication “Reclast” with Wasatch Infusion** this coming week. I have no detail information yet what that medication is. I am telling this to you, our friends, and asking that you'd also talk to the Lord about this, **asking if this is according to His will for healing of my back.** (1 John 5:14-15.)

Please pray for others also in our prayer-list for their individual health needs: Judy, Dale, Sharon, Al, Sandy, Tom, Mary, Aira, Dwayne. Please pray also with us the Lord's special blessings for Cynthia, Scott, Andrea, Preston, Merridy and their family. We continue praying for salvation for Dan and Kristine and our many Mormon relatives and former friends who have not been willing to inspect Truth about Jesus and biblical salvation. Time is getting short. We fear for their eternal life. We all have eternal life – question is where do we live after this life is over – is it in heaven or in hell? Let us all determine to share the **Good News of the Gospel of Christ** (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Eph. 2:8-9) in every opportunity we have!

**We wish you Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year 2020!**

**With the love of Jesus,**

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***Remember: Christmas is Jesus' Birthday. It is celebrated as the Day when eternal God became a man to save us from all our sin. (John 3:16.)***

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