

## Salvation—The Person and Work of Christ (9<sup>th</sup>)

(Today we continue studying the Person and work of Christ in connection to salvation. We are continuing this discussion as introduced in the previous podcast regarding the redemptive work of Christ. Today we are showing that the Seed of the woman and the Seed of Abraham is the same Seed of David promised by the Lord.)

In previous podcasts we have studied the seed of the woman as the foreordained Seed of Abraham as centered around Genesis 15:6. Now we desire to show the connection of the seed of David as the King of our salvation. It is essential that we know that the Seed of the woman as proclaimed in the Garden of Eden, the Seed of Abraham imputed to us as the justifying righteousness of our salvation, and that the Seed of David is the Messiah promised to rule over us as our Lord at the right hand of God, cf. Matthew 22:41-45. Many may say that this is so obvious that it need not be mentioned, but I have found over the years that we must not take too much for granted because too often we find that some people have confused ideas and opinions regarding the Scriptures. In fact, generally it is discovered that many, if not most, professing Christians have ideas and opinions regarding God and His Son, Jesus Christ (as well as many other topics of the Bible) that are derived more from their imagination than the actual truth of the Holy Scriptures. Years ago, a professing Christian became irate when I pointed out that her supposed quote from the Bible was actually a saying from John Bunyan's immortal book *Pilgrim's Progress*.

When David was contemplating building a house for the Lord, the Lord appeared to the prophet Nathan and told him that David was not to do it and that instead God was going to build a house, even a kingdom, for David. Listen to the initial promise from God to David regarding this.

And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. II Samuel 7:12-16.

Though this promise included David's immediate son Solomon the prophecy extended beyond the life of Solomon. For when David was at the end of his life he spoke of this in II Samuel 23:5, "Although my house *be* not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all *things*, and sure: for *this is* all my salvation, and all *my* desire, although he make *it* not to grow." Obviously, much could be said regarding these verses but we shall limit our remarks concerning the Seed of David in connection with the Captain of our salvation in the Person and work of Christ.

We spoke in earlier studies about the birth of Christ, the seed of Abraham, and the virgin Mary. Now I desire to bring to our attention some of the same passages of the Scriptures and show that they equally unite David to the Seed. In Luke 1:30-35 we see that Gabriel told Mary that Jesus "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 for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Furthermore, this Son of David, the Son of the Highest, is also "the Son of God." When the Lord opened the mouth of John's father, Zacharias, he was "filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying," concerning Christ as follows:

Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of

the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. Luke 1:68-75.

Many other such verses could be supplied to show the connection of Joseph and Mary and their connection to David and that the Seed of David is the same as the Seed of Abraham and the Seed of the woman as announced in the Garden of Eden, and that this same one is the Savior, Christ Jesus, that “was given us ... before the world began,” II Timothy 1:9. While we will not focus our attention to passages regarding the birth of Jesus and the Seed of David, we will supply other passages that truly show that the Savior is the Seed of David. First, allow me to direct our attention to the occasion when Jesus rode into Jerusalem: “And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest,” Matthew 21:9. We know that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the city of David, Luke 2:11. And John 7:42 declares that Christ, the Messiah, came of the Seed of David “out of the town of Bethlehem.” Paul, in the book of Romans, equally affirmed that the gospel of God was “concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh,” Romans 1:3. Lastly, in the book of Revelation we are told by the Lord Jesus Himself, “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star,” Revelation 22:16.

As we stated before, many other passages could be supplied to reveal the connection of the Seed of the woman, the Seed of Abraham, and the Seed of David are the same in the salvation of the people of God. Also other connections could be demonstrated to connect the Seed to Christ as our Prophet, Priest, Advocate, Captain, the suffering servant of Isaiah, the Intercessor, the I AM, and others offices and positions that compliment and secure our salvation. Hopefully, these brief comments regarding Christ as the King of our Salvation from the king of David will encourage you in your personal studies of these other offices and topics. Needless to say, salvation from the beginning to the end is solely in Christ, the Revelation of God. It can be stated no better than the opening verses of the Epistle to the Hebrews:

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.” Hebrews 1:1-6.

Let those words sink in and hide them in your heart and pray that God would bless you to know deeply within your soul that the Christ of God, the eternal Son of God, took on Himself the Seed of Abraham, cf. Hebrew 2:16. In fact, please allow me to quote the surrounding context of this passage so that we might have a richer and fuller view of the incarnation of this “seed of Abraham.”

For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on *him the nature*

*of* angels; but he took on *him* the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.” Hebrew 2:10-18.

I realize that this quote is quite lengthy, but it is a beautiful summary of what I am endeavoring to say and the reality of the subject should be often brought to our attention. Besides, in supplying the quote, we are giving you the inspired Word of God and not the opinion of a sinful man. It is without question that my opinion of the Holy Scriptures does not compare with “thus saith the Lord.”

Having covered some of the connections of the scarlet thread of the Seed regarding the Person of Christ, our Savior, the Lord willing we will begin looking somewhat at the work of Christ in our salvation. However, our time is up for today. Farewell.