**SATURDAY OF THE BELSSED VIRGIN MARY**

**God sent his Son, born of a woman**

That the Messiah of God, that the Saviour, the Redeemer, the Deliverer of the man from every slavery, is true man and is true son of David is revealed by this Word said by God to Nathan and then referred by David: *“When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day on which I led the Israelites out of Egypt to the present, but I have been going about in a tent under cloth. In all my wanderings everywhere among the Israelites, did I ever utter a word to any one of the judges whom I charged to tend my people Israel, to ask: Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' "Now then, speak thus to my servant David, 'The LORD of hosts has this to say: It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. It is he who shall build a house for my name. And I will make his royal throne firm forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. And if he does wrong, I will correct him with the rod of men and with human chastisements; but I will not withdraw my favor from him as I withdrew it from your predecessor Saul, whom I removed from my presence. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.'" Nathan reported all these words and this entire vision to David. Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, "Who am I, Lord GOD, and who are the members of my house, that you have brought me to this point? Yet even this you see as too little, Lord GOD; you have also spoken of the house of your servant for a long time to come: this too you have shown to man, Lord GOD! What more can David say to you? You know your servant, Lord GOD! For your servant's sake and as you have had at heart, you have brought about this entire magnificent disclosure to your servant. And so -  "Great are you, Lord GOD! There is none like you and there is no God but you, just as we have heard it told. What other nation on earth is there like your people Israel, which God has led, redeeming it as his people; so that you have made yourself renowned by doing this magnificent deed, and by doing awe-inspiring things as you cleared nations and their gods out of the way of your people, which you redeemed for yourself from Egypt? You have established for yourself your people Israel as yours forever, and you, LORD, have become their God. And now, LORD God, confirm for all time the prophecy you have made concerning your servant and his house, and do as you have promised. Your name will be forever great, when men say, 'The LORD of hosts is God of Israel,' and the house of your servant David stands firm before you. It is you, LORD of hosts, God of Israel, who said in a revelation to your servant, 'I will build a house for you.' Therefore your servant now finds the courage to make this prayer to you. And now, Lord GOD, you are God and your words are truth; you have made this generous promise to your servant. Do, then, bless the house of your servant that it may be before you forever; for you, Lord GOD, have promised, and by your blessing the house of your servant shall be blessed forever." (2Sam 7.1-29).* The true Son of David will have a kingdom that will know no end.

The Son that will be born of David will have particular names: “*Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace*”. These names attest that the Son of David is not only the Son of David, He is also Son of God: *“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as men make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, And the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him* *Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, From David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains By judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this! (Is 9,1-8).*

That the Messiah is true Son of God, made by Him, is attested by both the Psalm 2 and the Psalm 110: *“Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.” The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.” I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.” Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.” (Psal 2,1-12). “The Lord says to my lord: Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying, “Rule in the midst of your enemies!” Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy splendor, your young men will come to you like dew from the morning’s womb. The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.” The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth. He will drink from a brook along the way, and so he will lift his head high. (Psal 110,1-7).* The generation from God in today of eternity attests that the Messiah is true Son of God. However, He is not Son of God by adoption or by creation. He is true Son consubstantial with the Father. Consubstantiality with God is from eternity for eternity. Being the Son of God born of the Virgin Mary becomes consubstantiality with man. only the Messiah of God owns this double birth. He is born of God in eternity, He is born of the Virgin Mary in time. The one who is born is the eternal Son of the Father. The Apostle Paul reveals the fruits that this birth bears.

*I mean that as long as the heir is not of age, he is no different from a slave, although he is the owner of everything, but he is under the supervision of guardians and administrators until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were not of age, were enslaved to the elemental powers of the world. But when the fullness of time had come,* *God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children,**[4](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0839/__P104.HTM" \l "$4JU) God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. (Gal 3,1.7).*

The Apostle John pierces, in the Holy Spirit, the mystery of time, he enters eternity, he sees from eternity and speaks. Here is what the Holy Spirit lets him see: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him. (Jn 1,1-18).* This revelation of the Holy Spirit is Amen of God to his entire divine revelation. Everything was revealed. Amen. Amen is eternal.

That the Messiah must necessarily be a man and consequently that the Son of God who is born of a Woman must be really, truly, substantially a man is revealed by the Lord to Abraham. His blessing is in the offspring of Abraham: “*Again the LORD'S messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing - all this because you obeyed my command.'' (Gen 22,1618).* If the Messiah, namely the Son of God, were not born of God, He could not have saved us, because the Word of God affirms it with divine clarity: the blessing of the Lord is in the Offspring of Abraham. It is in the Offspring of David. Consequently, the birth must necessarily be true birth and the incarnation true incarnation. The Son must necessarily be true Son of the man and He is true son of the man for He is Son of the Woman. He is true Son of the Woman, being born of the Woman not through work of a man, though, but through the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus does not have two fathers, a earthily father and the heavenly Father. Jesus has one only Father, the heavenly Father or the eternal Father who is also the only and unique Father in his humanity. Jospeh has given only his adoption to the Messiah. He has adopted Him as his true Son, but the Son is not consubstantial to his nature. He is consubstantial to his spirit, to his love, to his soul, but not to his nature. The flesh comes from the most pure and holy body of the Virgin Mary through the work of the Holy Spirit. Mother of God, help us confess the mystery of your Son always according to purity and fullness of truth. Today this is precisely the tragedy of the Christian: he no longer speaks of your Son from truth. Instead, he speaks of Him from lie and falsity. Save us from this havoc, o Mother entirely holy and most pure in your body and in your soul.

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