

Childbirth

“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.
Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak
with the enemies in the gate.”
Ps 127:3-5

“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb.
I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my
soul knoweth right well.
My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the
lowest parts of the earth.
Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were
written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.”
Psalm 139:13-16

“Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.
Let them be only thine own, and not strangers’ with thee.
Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.”
Proverb 5:16-18

“As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her
that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.”
Ecclesiastes 11:5

“And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might
seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the
wife of his youth.”
Malachi 2:15

1. Because of her sin in Eden, women are cursed with difficult childbearing, which separates and distinguishes them from other creatures in pregnancy and giving birth (Genesis 3:16).
2. But while condemning the devil, God promised a glorious male Seed of the Woman, Who would give the devil a mortal wound, in spite of Roman Catholics and BJU giving the credit to the woman Mary for bruising the serpent (Gen 3:15).
3. The first recorded childbirth, to Adam and Eve, was of a child of the devil, Cain (Gen 4:1).
4. The second recorded childbirth was of a child of God, Abel (Genesis 4:2; Heb 11:4).
5. The third recorded childbirth was of a replacement child of God, Seth (Genesis 4:25).
6. An important birth was the third recorded son of Noah and his wife, Shem, for the line of the Lord Jesus Christ had to come through the Flood (Gen 5:32).

7. Consider the impotent Abraham and the barren Sarah! Her conception and childbirth were of utmost importance, and the Lord did not fail, though it took much time (Rom 4:19)!
8. Rebekah was also barren for 20 years, and her son was also very important (Gen 25:21).
9. Rachel also was barren for some time, but God's line came through Leah (Gen 29:35).
10. We do not abort even in the case of incest, because God chose Pharez (Gen 38:29).
11. The book of Ruth ends with a wonderful conception and short genealogy (Ruth 4:17).
12. God showed his great mercy to David and Bathsheba with Solomon (II Samuel 12:24-25).
13. Men, though arrogant and vain, are born no different than a wild ass's colt (Job 11:12).
14. God promised His Son Immanuel to come by way of a virgin as a sign, in spite of the Revised Standard Version calling her merely a "young woman" (Isaiah 7:14).
15. God promised a child with a glorious name, who would take the government of David's kingdom, and the zeal of the Lord of hosts would perform the matter (Isaiah 9:6-7).
16. Consider the new and glorious thing of a woman compassing a man - Jesus (Jer 31:22)!
17. The little town of Bethlehem was the place of birth for a divine ruler (Micah 5:2).
18. The genealogy of Matthew 1:1-16 is Jewish proof of Jesus as the legal Seed of Abraham and Son of David through his legal father Joseph, by way of David's son, Solomon.
19. Consider the four women in the list ... Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba ... and bless the God of heaven for mercifully using sinners and Gentiles to bring His Son.
20. The birth of Jesus Christ happened like this ... Joseph had not known Mary (Matt 1:18-25).
21. The birth of Jesus Christ happened like this ... Mary was a definite virgin (Luke 1:26-38).
22. The angels of God celebrated and worshipped His birth (Lu 2:8-14; Heb 1:6; Rev 5:11-12).
23. Joseph and Mary dedicated Jesus to God, since He had opened her womb (Luke 2:22-24).
24. Simeon took up the forty-day-old Jesus and declared Him to be God's salvation and gave prophecies concerning Him and His mother (Luke 22:25-35).
25. The genealogy of Luke 3:23-38 is the biological descent of Jesus from Adam and Eve as the Seed of the woman through his mother Mary, by way of David's son, Nathan.
26. While natural for women to honor Mary, Jesus rebuked Mariolaters (Luke 11:27-28).

27. The Word was made flesh as the glorious Son of God, full of grace and truth (John 1:14).
28. Luke in the writing of Acts refers to Jesus twice as the holy child Jesus (Acts 4:27,30).
29. When the fullness of the time was come, God sent His Son made of a woman (Gal 4:4-5).
30. Genealogies ended after Christ came and Moses' economy ended (I Tim 1:4; Titus 3:9).
31. Women, though punished for sinning in Eden, including sorrowful pregnancy and childbearing, would be saved as well as men in the childbearing of Mary, by providing the cure for the curse through the curse itself (I Tim 2:15).
32. The great mystery of godliness includes God manifest in the flesh, by birth (I Tim 3:16).
33. Jesus Christ was born of a woman, taking on human nature rather than an angelic nature, to defeat the devil and be the perfect priest for His children (Heb 2:14-18).
34. Jesus our Lord was given a body to replace Moses' sacrifices for us (Hebrews 10:5-10).
35. A woman brought forth a man-child, and when He ascended to heaven, the devil was thrown out of heaven and a loud voice proclaimed that salvation had come (Rev 12:5-11).