

The Person of Christ - Fully God, Fully Man

Review:

1. We started this exploration into the personhood of Christ by encountering Him much the way a first century Jew would have expected:
 - a. A man whose anointing gave hope that this would be the Messiah (which in their context would have meant the return a King to sit on the Davidic throne)
 - b. A son of Man whose anointing is from God (Daniel), and who will return the Spirit of prophecy and presence to Israel (Joel 2:28 and the Intertestamental hope)
2. We saw some glimpses of unexpected attributes of the Messiah
 - a. Suffering servant (remnant) fulfilled in a Messiah who brings us back from ultimate exile (spiritual exile from God due to sin) – Isaiah 53
 - b. Son of Man passages in Daniel 7 that seem to hint at not only an anointing as a son of man, but a heavenly figure aligned with God. To this we must explore deeper

The natural question then becomes - is there anything in Daniel, or the OT Scriptures at large, that leads us to believe the Messiah might be more than just a son of man...the very son of God himself? (Remember: Dan 7-9 do not have any other contexts that Israel could claim is or was fulfilled elsewhere in Israel's history. Its Messianic.)

- *Like* a son of man - Daniel 7:13-14
 - Does this leave room for an expectation beyond a mere human figure?
 - His *dominion/kingship is eternal* (not just his lineage on the throne) and it comes from heaven (from the clouds)
- *Appearance* of a man - Daniel 8:15-16
 - *Heavenly* figure/voice with *appearance* of a man (remember angel of the Lord from above Trinity notes)
 - *Commands* the angel Gabriel to clarify vision to Daniel
 - Speaks words of "*end times*" realities - eschatological kingdom of God
- Anointed One/*Messiah* = end times instrument of God's judgment, atonement - Dan 9:11-27
 - 70 heptads (units of 7 - probably not weeks, 70 periods - some say years)
 - Spiritual redemption (in addition to national) for Israel (atonement and end to sin permanently)
 - Seal up prophecy - bring forth a new era, fulfillment of OT prophets
 - Bring a holy anointing with him
- Lord said to my Lord - Matthew 22:44 citing Psalm 110:1 (see also Acts 2:34-35, Heb 1:13)

Son of Man - Expected

- lineage of David
- return theocratic monarchy
- prophet/intercessor for people
- return/share Spirit with nation

Like a Son of Man (Dan 7) - Not Expected (attributes of God)

- worshipped
- heavenly
- sovereign

- dominion=eternal
- glory
- commands arch angel - Dan 8

Appearance like a son of man (Dan 9) - Not expected (in its entirety)

- Finish "sin" era
- Atonement for the people
- Seal up prophecies of old
- Initiate new covenant

Other OT prophecies to consider regarding the work of the coming Messiah

- Genesis 3:15 - hidden promise of the atoning work of Christ
 - Couple with suffering servant passages of atonement from Isaiah 53
- Jeremiah 31:31-34, Ezekiel 36:26 - the renewing work of Christ
 - Doesn't mention messianic prophecies, but speak of a new covenant (remember Daniel 9) with Israel. A new Moses, new David will appear - and the new covenant will be without stipulations because it is something God will accomplish (see notes on vow, sign in relation to Abrahamic covenant of Gen 15)
- Line of Judah
 - Non-Jewish converts came in to be one with Jews through line of Judah
 - God preserves this remnant until seed of Christ - in whom neither Jew or Gentile distinctions exist – to fulfill Abrahamic covenant of faith (Gal 3:26-29)

From our starting point above, we then further encounter Christ with the hope of fulfillment of one who is more than a man...a man from heaven itself, who comes from the clouds bearing judgment, atonement, and the keys to a new covenantal kingdom. The hope of a Lord. The hope of a Savior from the ultimate and first curse (sin) and the penalties associated with it. The hope of an eternal King (not just kingdom) from the line of David who establishes the rule & reign of God.