

"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." Hebrews 4:15 says: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." The account of His birth, of the Annunciation to the Shepherds, of the coming of the Wise Men, of His going with His parents to the Temple in Jerusalem, all of these stand among the beautiful human touches in the world's history. Little children are thrilled to read the story of Jesus Christ in the manger, and of the shepherds' coming to see Him. All through His ministry His favorite term for Himself was "the Son of man." He delighted to stress His oneness with humanity.

Jesus Christ is the very ideal of humanity, a true man in every sense, and yet He is actually the God who created the universe. This is a miracle which is unique in the world's history, the miracle of the God-man.

Isaiah predicted this duality in the nature of the coming Messiah when he said, in Isa. 9:6: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." The verse continues, stressing the deity of the God-man: "And the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." The miracle of the God-man is unique in the world's history.

Mr. Steele:-- But why should God have performed this particular miracle? Is there any real purpose in it?

Dr. MacRae:-- Yes, indeed, God never performs miracles simply for show. There is always a vital purpose in them. There must be a good reason for the