

1. the nature of God: in essence

Ps. 90:2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

1Ti. 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gen 21:33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the LORD, the Eternal God.

Rev. 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

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Ps. 147:5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Pr. 21:30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the LORD.

1Jn. 3:20b For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

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Ps. 139:7-10 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

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Lk. 1:37 For nothing is impossible with God.

Jer. 32:17 “Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

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Heb. 12:28-29 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”

Dt. 4:24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Dt. 9:3a But be assured today that the LORD your God is the one who goes across ahead of you like a devouring fire.

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1Jn. 5:20c He is the true God and eternal life.

Jn. 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

1Ti 6:13a In the sight of God, who gives life to everything,
NOTE: It only stands to reason that the God who gives eternal life to believers **has** eternal life in himself so he can give it away.

1Pt. 1:23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

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Lk. 12:2-3 [Jesus speaking] There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

Eph. 5:8-14a For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible.

1Jn. 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

1Ti. 6:15b-16a God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see.

Jn. 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

2. the nature of God: in relationship

Heb. 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Ro. 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator – who is forever praised. Amen.

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Ps. 3:5 I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

Heb. 1:3a The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Ps. 55:22 Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

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Ps. 47:7-8 For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

Ps. 115:3 Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

Mal. 1:14 “Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king,” says the LORD Almighty, “and my name is to be feared among the nations.

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Ps. 68:20 Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.

Is. 43:3a For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

Ps. 18:2a The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

Ps. 34:17 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

verse 19 A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;

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Ps. 97:2b righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

2Th. 1:6a God is just:

Heb. 6:10a God is not unjust;

Is. 30:18 Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

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Dt. 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

Ro. 2:11 For God does not show favoritism.

1Pt. 1:17 Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.

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Ps. 99:9 Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

Rev. 4:8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around,

even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

1Pt. 1:15-16 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

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Is. 45:19 I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right.

Is. 65:16a Whoever invokes a blessing in the land will do so by the God of truth; he who takes an oath in the land will swear by the God of truth.

Jn. 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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Dt. 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

Ps. 33:4 For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

Ps. 100:5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

2Th. 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

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Ps. 136:1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. *His love endures forever.*

Ps. 136:26 Give thanks to the God of heaven. *His love endures forever.*

Ps. 48:9 Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.

Ro. 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1Jn. 4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1Jn. 4:16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.

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Dt. 4:31a For the LORD your God is a merciful God;

Dan. 9:9 The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him;

Lk. 6:36 [Jesus speaking] Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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Ex. 34:6 And he [the LORD] passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,

Jol. 2:13 Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Ps. 86:15 But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

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Ps. 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Ps. 62:8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Jn. 10:28-29 [Jesus speaking] I give them [my sheep] eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

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Ro. 8:31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

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2Pt. 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

1Ti. 2:3-4 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Eph. 3:12 In him [Christ] and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

3. the nature of the trinity

Eph. 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...

Job 11:7 "Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?

Dt. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Is. 45:5-6 I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of

its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.

Gal. 3:20 A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; but God is one.

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Ro. 1:7b Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co. 15:24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

Jn. 1:1 In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Ro. 9:5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Tit. 2:13 while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Heb. 1:8 But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Ac. 5:3-4 Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.”

Jn. 10:30 [Jesus speaking] I and the Father are one.”

Jn. 17:11b Holy Father, protect them [Christ's followers] by the power of your name – the name you gave me – so that they may be one as we are one.

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Lk. 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,

Ac. 2:36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

2Co. 3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Ps. 90:2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Rev. 2:8 “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

Rev. 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Heb. 9:14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death,

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Col. 1:16 For by him [Jesus] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Gen. 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Gen. 2:7 the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Col. 1:16 For by him [Jesus] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Mt. 28:19 [Jesus speaking] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

1Pt. 1:2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood:

2Co. 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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Mt. 3:16-17 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Jn. 14:16-17a [Jesus speaking] And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.

Mk. 13:32 [Jesus speaking] “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Mt. 24:36 [Jesus speaking] “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Mt. 6:9 [Jesus speaking] “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Ro. 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

Eph. 6:18a And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

4. the person of Jesus Christ

QUOTE When Jesus lived on earth, there was never a moment when he wasn't 100% God, and there was never a moment when he wasn't 100% human.

the full deity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Jn. 1:1 In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Ro. 9:5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Tit. 2:13 while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

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Mt. 14:33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Mt. 28:17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

Heb. 1:6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God's angels worship him.”

Ac. 10:25-26 As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. But Peter made him get up. “Stand up,” he said, “I am only a man myself.”

Rev. 19:10 [the apostle John writes] At this I fell at his [the angel's] feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!

Rev. 22:8-9 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

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Heb. 4:15 For we do not have a high priest [Jesus] who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin.

1Pt. 2:21-22 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

1Jn. 3:5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

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Mic. 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Jn. 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Jn. 8:56-59 [Jesus speaking] Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."
"You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"
"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

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Lk. 5:20-21 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."
The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Lk. 7:48 Then Jesus said to her [the woman who poured perfume on his feet], "Your sins are forgiven."

QUOTE One part of the claim tends to slip past us unnoticed because we have heard it so often that we no longer see what it amounts to. I mean the claim to forgive sins: any sins. Now unless the speaker is God, this is really so preposterous as to be comic. We can all understand how a man forgives offenses against himself. You tread on my toe and I forgive you; you steal my money and I forgive you. But what should we make of a man, himself unrobbed and untrodden on, who announced that he forgave you for treading on other men's toes and stealing other men's money? Asinine fatuity is the kindest description we should give of his conduct. Yet this is what Jesus did. He told people that their sins were forgiven, and never waited to consult all the other people whom their sins had undoubtedly injured. He unhesitatingly behaved as if He was the party chiefly concerned, the person chiefly offended in all offenses. This makes sense only if He really was the God whose laws are broken and

whose love is wounded in every sin. In the mouth of any speaker who is not God, these words would imply what I can only regard as a silliness and conceit unrivaled by any other character in history.

Yet (and this is the strange, significant thing) even His enemies, when they read the Gospels, do not usually get the impression of silliness and conceit. Still less do unprejudiced readers. Christ says that He is “humble and meek” and we believe Him; not noticing that, if He were merely a man, humility and meekness are the very last characteristics we could attribute to some of His sayings.

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.” That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool; you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great merely human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

- taken from Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

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Jn. 20:30-31 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Ac. 2:22 [Peter preaching] “Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

Ac. 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

the full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ

1Jn. 4:2-3 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

Ro. 1:3 regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David,

Jn. 1:14 The Word [Jesus] became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

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Lk. 2:40 And the child [Jesus] grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Lk. 2:52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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Mt. 4:2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Jn. 19:28 Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

Mk. 4:37-38 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don't you care if we drown?”

Jn. 4:6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well.

Jesus Christ: fully God and fully human

Pp. 2:5-11 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gal. 4:4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Mt. 1:18-25 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” – which means, “God with us.”

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Lk. 1:26-38 ³⁸In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷For nothing is impossible with God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Is. 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.