THE VIRGIN BIRTH

 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14 (KJV)

 Paul Harvey told a story of a man who believed in God but did not believe in the virgin birth of Christ. It was not possible and he could not understand why God would have allowed much less planned such an outrageous thing to happen. So as his wife and children left for the Christmas service at their church, he stayed home because he was too honest a man to go and play the hypocrite at this particular service. After his family had left, it began to snow and shortly thereafter was snowing much harder. A little while later, he heard a loud thud on his porch and was curious about the loud noise. Before he could check it out, it happened again and then a third time. Finally opening the door to the porch, he could see some birds had flown onto his porch. The first few had obviously flown into his large window thinking they could find shelter in his house.

 He could not stand to think of them suffering in the storm so he labored through the snow to the barn and opened its large door. He knew they would be warm and dry inside. In spite of all his efforts to herd the birds into the barn, they would not go. So he went and got some of the cattle grain and made a trail for them to follow into the barn but they still would not leave his porch. Somewhat exasperated, he thought “If I were only a bird, I could communicate with them and lead them into this place where they will be safe.”

 Then his thoughts were interrupted by the sound of the church bell; it’s ring sounding clearly through the falling snow. As he stopped in his freshly made tracks he suddenly realized exactly why there had to be the virgin birth of Jesus, God’s Son. God had done for him what he could not do for the birds.

 By nature, we are not on God’s level of thinking. We are not on his level of communicating either. Therefore in order to get us to Heaven we can’t be driven there by the law; we cannot be enticed there by a few miracles but rather God has come, in the flesh, born of a virgin, and has become man in the form of Jesus, to show us the way to Heaven. In fact he is the way to Heaven and not only shows us the way, he leads us in the way, all the way to Glory!

 God bless you in this Christmas thought.

Yours in Christ,

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