

GOD'S POWER IS FOR GOD'S PURPOSE

Family Devotion – Lesson 73

MEMORY VERSE – ISAIAH 7:14

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

- God spoke through the prophet Isaiah to give a prophecy of Jesus about 700 years before He was born into the world. Prophecy is a prediction or foretelling of an event before it happens.
- God has the POWER to know the future and to control the future: “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: (Is. 46:9-10). Prophecy teaches us that God is in control and is all-powerful!
- Isaiah 7:14 is one of the most popular prophecies of Jesus Christ and is often read around the Christmas season. It was an amazing sign given to the Jewish people. This sign would let them know that Jesus was the promised Saviour of whom they were waiting for. The sign was two-fold:
 - 1) A *virgin* (not fully married is a good way to describe this to children) will conceive (be with child). This meant that God would supernaturally put a baby in her womb. This was the virgin Mary.
 - 2) After the baby is born, his name would be called *Immanuel*: “God with us” (Mt. 1:23).
- Mary was told by an angel: “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the POWER of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Lk. 1:35).
- It was God’s power through the Holy Ghost that allowed Mary to give birth to Jesus.
- It is God’s power through the Holy Ghost that allows people today to be spiritually born into God’s family (Jn. 3:5-6).



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- How would you define the word PROPHET or PROPHECY in your own words?
- What is the difference between you making a prediction and God making a prediction? (God’s predictions always come to pass, are detailed in nature, and long before they ever take place.)
- What does fulfilled prophecy prove about the Bible? (It is supernatural and God’s word. We can trust it.)



PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to increase your trust in His word.
- Thank God for the Bible and telling us about future events.



CHALLENGE

- Find three prophecies out of the book of Revelation that are to come.