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○ ***The Son bore the burden of sin***

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- ❖ The "fear not" of the humanly impossible: "Fear not, Mary, ... the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: ...For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:30, 35, 37).
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