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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

With regards to the description of 'Eesaa (عليه السلام)¹ being described as

“His Word which He conveyed to Maryam”²

The Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)³ states:

Allaah applied the (term) “Word” to him because he (عليه السلام) was created by means of a word. So the hadeeth is not taken upon its apparent (literal) meaning, since 'Eesaa (عليه السلام) was not a word because he used to eat and drink and pass urine and open his bowels. And all the (usual) human situations would occur to him.

Allaah, the Most High, states:

[Indeed the example of 'Eesaa with Allaah is just as the example of Aadam. He (Allaah) created him from dust then He said to him, “Be!” and he was.]⁴

And 'Eesaa (عليه السلام) was not the Word of Allaah because the Speech of Allaah is an Attribute existing with Him and not separate and distinct from Him.

As for 'Eesaa (عليه السلام), then he was a being separate and distinct from Allaah (سبحانه)⁵; he would come and go and eat food and drink.

(Al Qawl ul Mufeed (1/73) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ))

¹ (عليه السلام) (alaihis-salaam) Peace be upon him

² Hadeeth reported by Al Bukhaaree (4453) and Muslim (28)

³ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

⁴ سورة آل عمران - Soorah aale-'Imraan [3:59]

⁵ (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) May He be Glorified

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