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Samson's Call

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Judges 13:1-7, 24-25

Introduction: For the last time in this book, we read the words "the children of Israel **did EVIL AGAIN** in the **sight** of the **Lord**." Following this statement, we find the longest dominance of Israel by its enemies. We read that the Lord **delivered** the people **into the hands** of the Philistines for **forty years**. If we think back forty years ago, we can get a perspective as to how long a period of time this was.

Instead of reading about Israel's cry to God for deliverance, we are introduced to a **man** and **his wife, who are barren**. They were from the **tribe of Dan**.
(Source: *The Bible Expositor and Illuminator, Union Press Publication-Christian Life Series*)

Judges 13:1, And the children of Israel **did evil AGAIN** in the **sight** of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines **FORTY** years.

NOTE: ...Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord.] To whom any sin is an eyesore, but especially apostasy and idolatry, the sins of those Israelites, who were therefore worse than others, because **they ought** to have been better.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mhm/judges-13.html>)

Luke 12:47-48, And that **servant**, which **KNEW his lord's will**, and prepared NOT himself, neither did according to his will, shall be **BEATEN with many stripes**. But he that **knew NOT**, and did commit things **worthy** of stripes, shall be beaten with **few stripes**. For unto whomsoever **MUCH is given**, of (FROM) him shall be **MUCH required**: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Judges 13:2-3, And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the **Danites**, whose name was **Mano'ah (rest)**; and his **wife was barren**, and bare NOT. And the **angel of the LORD** appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest NOT: **but thou shalt CONCEIVE**, and **bear a SON**.

NOTE: Much speculation surrounds the identity of the **"angel of the Lord."** At whatever conclusion one arrives, it is clear that the angel of the Lord spoke **FOR** God and **AS** God (cf. Gen. 16:10, 22:11-18; Judg. 2:1-5). For this and other reasons, **SOME believe** that the angel was the **preincarnate** Son of God (cf. John 1:18; Col. 1:15; 1 Cor. 10:4).
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Thought 1. Matthew 2:13 comes to mind as proof that this belief cannot be true.

Matthew 2:13 ...when they were departed, behold, the **Angel of the Lord** appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the **young Child** and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the **young CHILD** to **destroy** him.

Thought 2. As you can see, the obvious question is IF "the angel of the Lord" is in fact, as some believe, Jesus himself, how could he be a human child and an angel at the SAME TIME? The truth is God created humans in a form LOWER than angels! Heb. 2:6-7 So, we're talking about two types of beings; both created by God for specific purposes! Also, angels are created lower than God: Deity. Our Father is deity; as is Jesus NOW.

Hebrews 1:1-5, God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his **Son**, whom he hath appointed **heir (possessor)** of all things, by whom (*Jesus*) also he (*Jehovah God: Yahweh*) made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the **express image (exact COPY)** of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, **sat down** on the **right hand (right side)** of the Majesty on high; Being made so much BETTER than the ANGELS, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the **ANGELS** said he at any time, Thou art my **SON**, this day have **I begotten** thee? And again, I will be to him a **Father**, and he shall be to me a **Son**?

Hebrews 2:6-7, 9, But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is **MAN**, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a **little LOWER than the ANGELS**...
...But we see **Jesus**, who was made a **little LOWER** than the **angels** for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Judges 13:4, Now therefore **beware**, **I PRAY** (*I beg*) thee, and drink **NOT** wine nor strong drink, and eat **NOT** any unclean thing:

NOTE: Beware - drink not wine - As **Samson** was designed to be a **Nazarite** from the womb, it was necessary that, while his mother carried and nursed him, SHE should **live** the life of a Nazarite, neither drinking wine nor any inebriating liquor, nor eating any kind of forbidden meat. (Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/acc/judges-13.html>)

Judges 13:5 ...for, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and **NO razor** shall come on his **HEAD**: for the **child** shall be a **NAZARITE** unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

Nazarite defined 5139, separate (divided from others, 1913 Webster's), **an unpruned vine**.

NOTE: The complete abstinence from **grapes** in that day was **representative** of giving up worldly pleasures, for the **fruit** of the vine symbolized **life's** frivolity (*frivolousness: of little worth or importance*). Not only was **intoxicating** drink withheld, but also the **chamar**, which was a **sweet grape juice** that symbolized the sweet things of the **world**. Nevertheless, **God-given pleasures** in which a person **may partake** without guilt of sin were **likewise excluded**. As believers, **we** are to live IN the world, yet **separated** FROM the world

Long hair in the society of **that day** symbolized that a person was living UNDER the **authority** and **covering** of another. As believers, we now **live UNDER** the **authority** and **covering** (*that which covers for security*) of our Lord. We were bought with a **PRICE** that He paid on the cross. Therefore, we belong to Him and we are in **covenant**

union with Him. Today, **obedience** and **devotion** to God convey the strongest possible **testimony** to the **world**. This is a testimony that cannot be ignored.

The requirement to stay away from DEAD bodies is another important symbol. It strongly suggests that the Nazarite should NOT go near **death** because doing so would make them **ritually unclean**. (Source: <http://nazarite.com/meaning.htm>)

Judges 13:6, Then the **woman** came and told her **husband**, saying, A **man** of (FROM) **God** came unto me, and his countenance was **like** the countenance of an **angel of God**, very terrible: but I **asked him** NOT whence he was, neither **told he me** his **name**...

NOTE: But I asked him NOT whence he was, neither told he me his name - This clause is rendered very differently by the Vulgate, the negative Not being omitted: Quem cum interrogassem quis esset, et unde venisset, et quo nomine vocaretur, noluit mihi dicere; sed hoc respondit. "**Who, when I asked** who he was and whence he came, and by what name he was called, would not tell me; but this he said," etc. The negative is also wanting in the Septuagint, as it stands in the Complutensian Polyglot: Καὶ ἠρώτων αὐτὸν ποθεν ἐστίν, καὶ τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἀπηγγείλε μοι; "**And I asked him** whence he was, and his name, but he did not tell me." This is also the reading of the Codex Alexandrinus; but the **Septuagint**, in the London Polyglot, together with the **Chaldee, Syriac, and Arabic**, read the negative particle with the Hebrew text, I asked Not his name, etc. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/acc/judges-13.html>)

Judges 13:7, ...but **HE said unto me**, Behold, thou shalt **conceive**, and **bear** a **SON**; and now drink **NO wine nor strong drink**, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a **Nazarite to God** from the womb to the **day of his death**.

NOTE: She gives him a particular account both of the PROMISE and of the PRECEPT (Judges 13:7), that he also might **believe** the promise and might on all occasions be a **monitor to her** to **observe** the precept. Thus should yoke-fellows **communicate** to each other their experiences of communion with God, and their improvements in acquaintance with him, that they may be HELPFUL to each other in the way that is called holy. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mhm/judges-13.html>)

Judges 13:8, Then Mano'ah **entreated** the LORD, and said, O my Lord, **let the man of God** which thou didst **send** come again unto us, and **TEACH us** what we shall **DO** unto the child that shall be **BORN**.

Thought 1. Since Manoah lacked a **GOOD understanding** to obey God's commandments, he asked him to send the "man" one more time to teach him and his wife what to do.

Psalms 111:10, The **fear** of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a **GOOD understanding** have **ALL** they that **DO** his commandments...

Judges 13:9-12, And God hearkened to the voice of Mano'ah; and the angel of God **came again** unto the woman as she sat in the field: but **Mano'ah** her husband was NOT with her. And the woman made haste, and **ran**, and showed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the **man hath appeared** unto me, that came unto me the other day. And Mano'ah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. And Mano'ah said, Now let thy words come to pass. **How shall we ORDER** the **child**, and **how shall we DO** unto him?

Order defined 4941, form (train; to shape, mold, or fashion into a certain state or condition; to adjust; also, to model by instruction and DISCIPLINE; to mold by influence, etc.).

Discipline, **1**. The treatment suited to a disciple or learner; Discipline aims at the

removal of BAD habits and the substitution of GOOD ones, especially those of order, regularity, and obedience. *C. J. Smith.* 2. Correction; chastisement; punishment inflicted by way of correction and training.

Thought 1. Even today, God is the ONLY reliable source as to HOW we should raise children. If we have proper reverence (deep respect, high regard: value, etc.) for him, we'll seek his ways for them! And the husband and wife must be **in agreement**, with him first, then, with each other to have the unity necessary to properly raise their children. And as we know, God's holding the husband responsible for what goes on in the home. Wise people will do what we see Manoah and his wife doing.

If there's NOT agreement with God's path for training, the influence of right-teaching will be undermined and weakened by the actions of the parent in disagreement. That's called strife; by which Satan will have free-run of the home in his effort to destroy it. Therefore, NEVER, should the husband and wife, nor should anybody ever "Agree to Disagree" because that's STILL strife!

James 3:14-16, But if ye have bitter **envying** and **strife** in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where **ENVYING** and **STRIFE** is, there is **CONFUSION** and every **EVIL** work.

Amos 3:3, Can **TWO WALK together**, **except** they **be AGREED?**

Thought 2. Agreement must be reached! The question is HOW much understanding of reverence of God do the parents have? If it's as it ought to be, they LOVE the truth, and they'll FIND the truth, WALK in agreement, and DO his commandments.

Judges 13:13-16, And the **angel** of the **LORD** said unto **Mano'ah**, *Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither **let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe.** And Mano'ah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee. And the angel of the LORD said unto Mano'ah, Though thou detain me, I will NOT eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must **offer it unto the LORD** (Yahweh). For Mano'ah knew NOT that he was **AN** angel OF (from) the LORD.*

Thought 1. First, notice the angel did NOT want an offering made to him. This tells us HE was NOT God; but AN angel of God looking like a human and therefore not recognized. Also notice, the scriptures always says HE, not she; or men, not women, in reference to angels. The female human is unique in that she is the only female SPIRIT in creation

Judges 13:17-18, And **Mano'ah** said unto the angel of the LORD, **What is thy name**, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee **honor?** And the angel of the LORD said unto him, **Why askest thou thus after my name**, seeing it is **secret** (hid, concealed)?

Thought 1. This is another big difference between Gabriel, who was sent to Mary and to Zacharias. He told his name to both of them! Even when God spoke to Moses through his angel at the burning bush, he told him his name was "I am." Ex. 3:14 The angel was NOT God; but God spoke through him.

Judges 13:19-20, So **Mano'ah** took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the **angel did wondrously**; and Mano'ah and his wife looked on. For it came to pass, when the **flame** went up toward heaven from off the **altar**, that the **angel** of the LORD **ascended** in the flame of the altar: and Mano'ah and his wife **looked on it**, and **fell on their faces** to the **ground**.

Thought 1. Sometimes, it takes signs of this type for the truth to be realized. But once

they knew he was an angel, REVERENCE caused them to immediately fall on their faces.

Judges 13:21-22, But the angel of the LORD did no more **appear** to Mano'ah and to his wife. Then Mano'ah KNEW that he was **AN** angel of the LORD. And Mano'ah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have **SEEN God (angels)**.

Thought 1. "Elohiym" can be defined God, but here, it's clearly seen that it means angel.

Exodus 33:17-23, And the LORD said unto **Moses**, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech thee, **show me** thy **glory**. And he said, I will make all my **goodness (beauty)** pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. And he said, Thou canst NOT see my face: for there shall **no man SEE me**, and **live**. And the LORD said, Behold, *there is* a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, ...will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: ...I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt **see my back parts**; but **my face** shall NOT be seen.

Judges 13:23, But **his wife** said unto him, **If the LORD were pleased to kill us**, he would NOT have **received** a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have **showed us** all these things, nor would as at this time have **told us** such things as these.

Thought 1. This is a perfect example of correct THINKING in coming to a conclusion about what God will, or will not DO. Our peace of MIND comes from having Gods word; and then meditating it day and night; and thereby getting a good understanding of his will and love for us. What's better for Christians is we have the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us!

John 14:26, But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will **send** in my name, **HE (not IT)** shall **TEACH** you **all things**, and bring **all things** to your **remembrance**, whatsoever I have **said** unto you.

2 Peter 1:2, **Grace** and **PEACE** be **multiplied** unto you through the **knowledge** of God, and of Jesus our Lord...

Proverbs 2:10-11, When **wisdom** entereth into thine heart, and **knowledge** is pleasant unto thy SOUL; Discretion shall **preserve** thee, **understanding** shall **keep (protect)** thee...

Philippians 4:6-7, Be **careful (be anxious about)** for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication (asking) with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the PEACE of God, which passeth all understanding, shall **keep (protect)** your **hearts (thoughts or feelings)** and **minds** through Christ...

Mark 4:18-19 ...these are they which are sown among **thorns**; such as **hear** the **word**, And the **CARES** of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the **lusts** of other things entering in, **CHOKE** the **word**, and it becometh **unfruitful**.

Cares defined 3308, (through the idea of distraction); solicitude (CONCERN; Anxiety; uneasiness of mind occasioned by the fear of evil or the desire of good.).
Distraction, **1.** perturbation (disquiet or agitation of mind. Restlessness of passions; great uneasiness.) of mind **2.** a state of disordered reason
Concern, **1.** That which relates or belongs to one; business; **2.** Interest
3. affection; careful (anxious: unquiet) regard.
Anxiety, **1.** Concern or solicitude respecting some event, FUTURE or uncertain, which **disturbs** the mind, and keeps it in a state of painful uneasiness. **FEAR.**

Thought 2. For the GOOD type of “Care” See 2 Cor. 11:28, Phil. 2:20

Proverbs 4:7, Wisdom is **the principal thing (chief** [most valuable, most important]); therefore get **wisdom:** and with all thy getting **get understanding.**

Judges 13:24, And the woman **bare a SON**, and called his name **Samson (sunlight):** and the child GREW, and the LORD (Yahweh) **BLESSED** him.

Thought 1. In order for God to bless Samson, he had to have been obedient to God’s word: walking in God’s path. Remember, “It was written in the Covenant” that they would be blessed when they obeyed God. This shows God does NOT bless because he’s praised.

Deuteronomy 28:1-3, 7 ...it shall come to pass, if thou shalt **hearken** diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to **DO** all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: and all these **blessings** shall come on thee, and **overtake thee**, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city... The LORD shall **cause** thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face...

Psalms 1:1-3, **Blessed** is the man that **walketh NOT** in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of **sinners**, nor sitteth in the seat of the **scornful** (disrespectful; aweless, irreverent). But his **delight** is in the **law** of the Lord; and in **his law** doth he **meditate** day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever **he doeth** shall **PROSPER**.

Thought 2. And even though we have a New and better Covenant, we still need to OBEY in order to be blessed. The great thing is there are NO curses written in our New Covenant! As we know, Jesus was made a curse FOR us. However, we need to be aware of the fact that the wages of SIN is still death. Romans 6:23.

Hebrews 6:11-12, And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be NOT slothful, but **followers** of them who through **faith** and **patience** **inherit** the **promises**.

James 1:25, But whoso **looketh** into the perfect law of liberty, and **continueth** *therein*, he being NOT a forgetful hearer, but a **DOER** of the work, this man shall be **BLESSED** in his **deed**.

Thought 3. So, we can see when we are blessed, it’s because of some good on our part in obeying our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. But, we also know there are times God uses his goodness in blessing a person to lead them to repentance.

Romans 2:4, Or despisest thou the riches of **his goodness** and forbearance and long-suffering; NOT knowing that the **goodness** of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Judges 13:25, And the **Spirit** of the LORD *began* to **MOVE him at times (agitate [STIR UP])** in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshta'ol.

Thought 1. We see here that God is training him for his ministry in how it is, and feels, when his Spirit is UPON him for the work he’s purposed for his life. Again, the anointing for power from God is for WORK, NOT for living right. Reverence for God, makes us obey him.

Psalm 4:4, Stand **IN AWE** (FEAR united with RESPECT), and **SIN NOT:** commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.