

## Manoah and Wife: Becoming Godly Parents

### Judges 13

Note: Israel again fell into sin and God allowed the Philistines to conquer them (13:1).

- I. **God appears to Samson's mother: Godly parents are sacrificial (Judges 13:2-7).**
  - A. The angel of the Lord reveals to Manoah's wife she will have a son who would deliver Israel (13:2-5).
    - Barrenness: Our impossibles are God's opportunities.
    - Nazirite vow: Sacrifice is always a part of privilege.
  - B. Manoah's wife tells her husband the message (13:6-7).
  
- II. **God answers the prayer of Samson's dad: Godly parents are teachable (Judges 13:8-14).**
  - A. Manoah prays that God would teach them how to raise Samson (13:8).
    - God seeks parents who are humbly teachable.
    - Teachable parents aim to unite on spiritual priorities.
    - Teachable parents know that God uses our desperate situations as parents to grow us spiritually.
  - B. The angel of the Lord appears and answers (13:9-14).
  
- II. **God reveals His greatness to both: Godly parents are worshippers (Judges 13:15-25).**
  - A. Manoah invites the angel of the Lord to dinner, but the angel invites him to worship (13:15-16).
    - God wants our worship as parents more than anything.
  - B. The angel of the Lord says His name is unknowable; then He ascends to heaven in the flame (13:17-23).
    - Worship means realizing God is far beyond understanding.
    - Worship means focusing on who God is instead of what we want from Him.
  - C. Samson is born and the Spirit stirs in him (13:24-25).