

Revival Christian Fellowship

Judges 13 - Phenomenal Faith

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Main Point: Manoah's wife demonstrated great faith.

Introduction

- Explain how our faith is built on God's past work and God's past words?

Visit of a Angel

Understanding

1. Adversity 1-2. Read Judges 13:1-2.

- a. As one reads the Old Testament, the writers frequently state that Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. What is wrong with them? Why did they continue to do evil?
- b. Why did God allow the Philistines to have control over Israel?
- c. How might the barrenness of Manoah's wife be viewed in the Israelite culture?

2. Announcement. Read Judges 13:3-5.

- a. What would you expect from someone whose birth was announced by an angel?
- b. From what you know about those who are "set apart" from birth to serve the Lord, what are its benefits? Its potential drawback? How do you go about "separating yourself" to be with God but apart from the world?
- c. What special rules was she to follow, and why?

- d. What promise was given about what her son would do?
- e. Manoah's wife experienced barrenness. How might our own adversity be of value in our growth in the Lord?

3. Acceptance. Read Judges 13:6-8.

- a. What is the difference between Manoah's response to the angel's message and his wife's response? Which one showed the greater faith? Explain.
- b. Why was Manoah's first response prayer? Why might he have made this specific request for more details?

Voice of Reason

4. Angel Reappears. Read Judges 13:9-14.

- a. When Manoah asked for clarification, what did the angel do? Why might the angel have responded in this way?
- b. When walking by faith, we frequently want to see the end goal. Why does the Lord often hold back from giving the complete picture?
- c. Explain a time when the Lord called you to walk by faith, but you didn't have all of the details.

5. Manoah Presents an Offering. Read Judges 13:15-20.

- a. What did Manoah offer to do for the angel? How did the angel respond? For what reason did Manoah make this request?

- b. What did the angel do as the offering was being made? What did Manoah and his wife do when they saw this?

6. The Firmness of Her faith. Read Judges 13:21-25.

- a. What event gave Manoah understanding of who he had seen?
- b. Why might Manoah have feared death after having seen the angel of the Lord?
- c. How did Manoah's wife express stronger faith than her husband?

Application

- How might God want to stretch your faith in Him?