



Judges

Part #4 –
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Introduction

Key Scriptures

- 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. – Judges 13:1
- And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name *was* Manoah; and his wife *was* barren, and bare not. – Judges 13:2
- 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. – Judges 13:3



Introduction – Cont'd

Key Scriptures

- Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing*: – Judges 13:4
- 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. – Judges 13:5
- And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, 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. – Judges 13:13,14



Keys

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. – Judges 13:3

- Told her **what**, **where**, and **who** she was
- It was at a time of their meeting
- Activated her clock
- Specific instructions – Does not leave you in ambiguity



In this lesson

- Comfort
- Charge
- Consecration
- Culture



Comfort

And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; 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. – Judges 13:2,3

- Amid confusion, despair and wantonness
- God was still speaking and moving His purposes
- The angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman
- Comfort when there is no where else to turn



Comfort – Cont'd

*And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; 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. – Judges 13:2,3*

- Comfort for yesterday
- Comfort for today
- Comfort for your tomorrow



Charge

Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: – Judges 13:4

- From this time onwards – The clock has been reset – no longer running in the old manner
- God wants to reset some of our clocks, but we keep showing and telling Him what to do
- I am telling you things that you are not to do that are hindering you
- Your increase is specific to your observances of these things
- First for you and then for the child that will be in you and come through you
- If the baby is to come, the place must be prepared for what is to come



Charge – Cont'd

Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: – Judges 13:4

- Your appetite must change for the things that once was
- These are your instructions for you
- I am pleading with you for your observance and goodwill
- They are instructions of goodwill not a command to limit you
- These instructions are you – See Judges 13:4



Charge – Cont'd

Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: – Judges 13:4

- These instructions are for your home – See Judges 13:5
- These instructions are the child – See Judges 13:5
- These instructions are for the nation's benefit – Judges 13:5
- See to it that the promised benefit comes to you and through you to the one intended



Consecration

Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of 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: – Judges 13:6

*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 – Judges 13:7*

- She emphasized the need for preparation, transformation and consecration
- She wanted not misinformation or any reason to backoff from the instructions received
- She wanted her husband to be on the same page
- If there is any attack on consecration, it begins with those closest to you



Consecration – Cont'd

*And Manoah said, **Now let thy words come to pass.** How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him? – Judges 13:12*

- I have had trouble believing....So I needed some assistance
- Just in case this is a pipe dream – Are you the person who....?
- I have made the adjustment to receive what you have said.
- I wait for it, let it come to pass



Consecration – Cont'd

And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. – Judges 13:13

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. – Judges 13:14

- It is interesting that the angel reemphasized what pertained to her preparation for the promise
- Teach us what we shall do unto the child **that shall be born**
- How shall we order the child? How shall we do unto him?
- The responsibility was hers to observe and the words were directed at her



Consecration – Cont'd

So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah 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 Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground. – Judges 13:19,20

- If we only knew what happens when worship goes up from us to God.
- The angels entertain the worship, it is like music in their ears.
- They can't help themselves, they begin to dance and perform wonderfully!
- Praise sets the stage for angelic dancing before the Lord!



Culture

But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD. – Judges 13:21

- All these things happened before the boy was born
- The word came against the blast of the culture – something had to give way
- The culture said you can't see the supernatural and survive
- His wife set him straight – He was bond by his cultural understanding, even after a supernatural encounter – Judges 13:22,23
- The culture of his mind had to be changed
- The word exceeded the boundaries of the culture ones the mind had been altered!



Conclusion

From the pages of Judges

- Preparation is a prerequisite for consecrating oneself for what is promised



Next Week

We will continue next week, still in the book of Judges