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The Messenger of God, who appeared many times

Judges Chapter 13

13:17 And Manoah said unto the angels of Yahweh, Tell me thy name, and we will honor thee when thy word is fulfilled.

13:18 And the angel of Yahweh said unto him, Why do thou ask my name, for my name is wonderful.

13:19 And Manoah offered a lamb of a goat and a grain offering on a rock to Jehovah, and the messenger did wonderful things. Manoah and his wife looked,

13:20 And when the flame went up from the altar, the angel of Yahweh went up in the flame of the altar. When Manoah and his wife saw it, they fell on their faces.

God's messenger with a great responsibility. His mission is to protect, guide and inspire. In this world, he is a symbol of light, with the power of wisdom and love. His eyes shone with wisdom, and in his hands he held the deepest concern for humanity.

God's messengers walk the earth, selflessly offering love and hope. His words and deeds are like music, soothing wounded souls and guiding lost hearts. His presence is an invisible treasure that allows people to rediscover their inner peace and joy.

In his presence, fear and despair vanished. His presence makes people feel accepted and understood, as infinitely inclusive as the vast sky. No matter what the adversity, God's messengers can always bring a ray of hope and lead people out of the darkness and into the light. Whether in history or in the present life, God's messengers are symbols of mercy and hope. Their presence reminds us that even in the most difficult moments, love and warmth are still there, as long as we are willing to perceive and pass it on with our hearts.

In the Bible, the words "God's messenger" or "angel" appear in several passages. Here are a few:
Matthew 1:20:

"And while he was thinking about these things, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid, but take Mary thy wife, for the pregnancy of him is of the Holy Spirit. 』』

Luke 1:11-13:

"And an angel of the Lord stood at the right hand of Mary, and appeared unto him. Mary was terrified and frightened, and wondered what it meant to greet her like this. The angel said to her, 'Don't be afraid, Mary! 』』

Hebrews 1:14:

"Are not all angels sent to minister to him who shall inherit salvation?"

Exodus 23:20:

"Behold, I send messengers before thee, and on the way to protect thee, and bring thee to the place which I have prepared. 』

These verses describe the appearance of God's messengers at various times and occasions to convey God's will or to give guidance and comfort to mankind. In the Bible, angels are described as messengers of God, representing God's will and protection.

Those who are blessed see the angels of God in abundance

There are indeed many places in the Bible where blessed people come into contact with or interact with God's angels. This contact may be intended to guide, comfort, protect, or deliver God's message. Here are some related verses:

Abraham, the patriarch of Israel, interacted with angels. For example, Genesis 18 tells of three angels appearing to Abraham and announcing to him that he would have his son Isaac.

Moses saw a burning bush of thorns in Exodus 3:2 in which an angel of God appeared to him and assigned him to deliver the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt.

Esther 4:14 records a conversation between Morka and Esther, mentioning that Esther became the deliverer of the Jews, perhaps God sent angels to help her with this mission.

Elijah interacted with an angel in 2 Kings 19:35 who helped him fight against the Assyrian king's army.

The characters in these examples have been in contact with God's messengers, sometimes receiving help or guidance at critical moments. These interactions underscore God's protection and guidance for the blessed.

In the Bible, messengers of God often appear as messengers who bring good news and blessings. Especially on biblical festivals and important occasions, they represent God's will and blessings, bringing messages of comfort, guidance, and joy to people.

In Christmas, in the story of the birth of Jesus, the angel announces this momentous news to the shepherds. In Luke 2:10-11, the angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid! I bring you great tidings of great joy for all nations, for today in the city of David a Savior, Christ the Lord, was born to you." "

This message brings the good news of the gospel, foreshadowing that the birth of Jesus Christ will bring salvation and redemption to the world. God's messengers bring God's love and blessings into the world through their presence and proclamation, so that people can share this joy and hope.

At other times in the Bible, God's messengers bring information, guidance, and blessings in a similar way, serving as a bridge between God and people. These stories remind us that God's messengers represent God's love and grace and bring us the good news of the gospel and give us strength in faith and hope.

We pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending angels as God's messengers to deliver the good news of the gospel to us. Thank You for bringing us the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ, and the love, forgiveness, and redemption He represents.

May we be able to comprehend Your incomparable grace and love in the light of this gospel. Empower us with an open heart that can understand and pass on this gospel as a guide and reliance on our lives.

Help us to follow the example of the angels and be a conduit for God's love. Let us be kind, generous, and forgiving, and love one another as you love us.

May the message of this gospel continue to burn in our hearts and lead us to the path of truth and life. We thank You and want to praise You forever for Your love and grace. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray, amen.

Judges Chapter 13

Ju. 13:1 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, so the LORD delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years.

Ju. 13:2 A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was sterile and remained childless. Ju. 13:3 The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, "You are sterile and childless, but you are going to conceive and have a son.

Ju. 13:4 Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean,

Ju. 13:5 because you will conceive and give birth to a son. No razor may be used on his head, because the boy is to be a Nazirite, set apart to God from birth, and he will begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

Ju. 13:6 Then the woman went to her husband and told him, "A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn't ask him where he came from, and he didn't tell me his name.

Ju. 13:7 But he said to me, 'You will conceive and give birth to a son. Now then, drink no wine or other fermented drink and do not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a Nazirite of God from birth until the day of his death.'" "

Ju. 13:8 Then Manoah prayed to the LORD: "O Lord, I beg you, let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born."

Ju. 13:9 God heard Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman while she was out in the field; but her husband Manoah was not with her.

Ju. 13:10 The woman hurried to tell her husband, “He’s here! The man who appeared to me the other day!”

Ju. 13:11 Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he said, “Are you the one who talked to my wife?” “I am,” he said.

Ju. 13:12 So Manoah asked him, “When your words are fulfilled, what is to be the rule for the boy’s life and work?”

Ju. 13:13 The angel of the LORD answered, “Your wife must do all that I have told her.

Ju. 13:14 She must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, nor drink any wine or other fermented drink nor eat anything unclean. She must do everything I have commanded her.”

Ju. 13:15 Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “We would like you to stay until we prepare a young goat for you.”

Ju. 13:16 The angel of the LORD replied, “Even though you detain me,

I will not eat any of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, offer it to the LORD.”
(Manoah did not realise that it was the angel of the LORD.)

Ju. 13:17 Then Manoah enquired of the angel of the LORD, “What is your name, so that we may honour you when your word comes true?”

Ju. 13:18 He replied, “Why do you ask my name? It is beyond understanding.”

Ju. 13:19 Then Manoah took a young goat, together with the grain offering, and sacrificed it on a rock to the LORD. And the LORD did an amazing thing while Manoah and his wife watched:

Ju. 13:20 As the flame blazed up from the altar towards heaven, the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground.

Ju. 13:21 When the angel of the LORD did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realised that it was the angel of the LORD.

Ju. 13:22 “We are doomed to die!” he said to his wife. “We have seen God!”

Ju. 13:23 But his wife answered, “If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, nor shown us all these things or now told us this.”

Ju. 13:24 The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the LORD blessed him,

Ju. 13:25 and the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

The Book of Judges, Chapter 13 in the Christian Bible talks about the birth of Samson, who would become one of the most famous judges of Israel. The chapter begins by describing how the Israelites again did evil in the sight of the Lord and were oppressed by the Philistines for forty years.

In response to their cries for deliverance, an angel of the Lord appeared to a barren woman from the tribe of Dan and promised her that she would conceive and bear a son who would be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. The angel also instructed her to abstain from wine and strong drink during her pregnancy, and to raise her son according to the laws of the Nazirites.

The woman's husband, Manoah, prayed for further guidance from God, and the angel appeared again to repeat the instructions and reassure them that their son would begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines.

The chapter ends with the birth of Samson and his growth as a young man in the tribe of Dan. The story of Samson's birth in Chapter 13 of The Book of Judges emphasizes God's faithfulness to Israel even in times of disobedience and the importance of obedience to God's commandments, as seen in the Nazirite vow that Samson would undertake.

Here are some key verses from chapter 13 of The Book of Judges in the English Standard Version (ESV) translation:

- "And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, so the Lord gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years." (Judges 13:1)
- "And the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, 'Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son.'" (Judges 13:3)
- "And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the Lord blessed him." (Judges 13:24)
- "And the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol." (Judges 13:25)

Judges chapter 13 provides a reflection on the story of the birth of Samson, highlighting the miraculous nature of his conception and the special calling placed upon him by God.

The chapter begins by describing how the Israelites once again did evil in the sight of the Lord, and as a result, they were handed over to the Philistines for forty years. In the midst of their oppression, God raises up a deliverer, Samson, to bring about the deliverance of Israel.

The angel of the Lord appears to Samson's mother, who was barren, and announces that she will conceive and bear a son. The angel gives specific instructions regarding the child, including the command that he is to be set apart as a Nazirite from birth, abstaining from certain practices and dedicating himself to God's service.

Samson's birth is indeed miraculous, and he grows up under the special guidance and empowerment of the Spirit of the Lord. The chapter sets the stage for Samson's future exploits and his role as a judge and deliverer of Israel.

The reflection in Judges chapter 13 highlights the sovereignty and providence of God in choosing and preparing His instruments for His purposes. Samson's birth to a barren woman emphasizes God's ability to bring forth life and fulfill His plans, even in seemingly impossible circumstances.

The chapter also reflects on the concept of the Nazirite vow and its significance in Samson's life. As a Nazirite, Samson is set apart for God's purposes and is called to live a life of dedication and obedience. This reflection prompts us to consider the importance of consecration and living in accordance with God's commands as we seek to fulfill our own calling.

Furthermore, the story of Samson's birth reminds us of the role of deliverers and judges in the history of Israel. It highlights God's faithfulness in raising up leaders to rescue His people from oppression and to guide them back to a place of faithfulness and obedience.

Overall, Judges chapter 13 serves as a reflection on the miraculous nature of Samson's birth, the significance of his Nazirite vow, and God's faithfulness in raising up deliverers for His people. It invites us to consider the ways in which God works in our lives, calling and equipping us for His purposes, and reminds us of the importance of consecration and obedience in fulfilling our own calling.