

SAMSON: THE MIRACULOUS CHILD
JUDGES 13
3-12-23

I. God's Intervention (13:1-7)

Judges 3:1-4 – “*These are the nations the Lord left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan (he did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience): the five rulers of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites living in the Lebanon mountains from Mount Baal Hermon to Lebo Hamath. They were left to test the Israelites to see whether they would obey the Lord's commands, which he had given their ancestors through Moses.*”

Judges 21:25 – “*In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.*”

II. God's Instruction (13:8-16)

Hebrews 11:1 – “*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*”

2 Corinthians 12:9 – “*But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'* Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Matthew 6:34 - “*Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*”

III. God's Presence (13:17-25)

Psalms 139:6 – “*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.*”

Exodus 15:11 - “*Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”*

Matthew 28:19-20 – “*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*”

GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. What difference does it make to our obedience when we act out of faith in God's promises, rather than a grudging duty to obey?
3. In what parts of your life would you, deep down, like God to give you rules or answers, instead of Himself?
4. Are there ways in which you are not enjoying your relationship with the living God, because you would rather have some regulations to follow?
5. What are some specific ways you can enjoy God's presence this week?