

The Parents of Samson

“1 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. 2 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. 3 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. 4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: 5 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. 6 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: 7 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. 8 Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. 9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. 10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day. 11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. 12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him? 13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. 14 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 13:1-14 KJV)

Manoah and his wife were barren and were longing to have a child. The angel of the Lord announced to the wife of Manoah that she will conceive and bear a son, and he instructed her how to raise the child. *“4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: 5 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 13:4-5 KJV)* She was instructed that she and the child will not take any fermented drink, grapes or any unclean things for the child that to be borne will be set apart for God as a Nazirite. *“7 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 KJV)* * Now parents need to understand that they are called by God to raise Godly children that is why they need to abstain from certain sinful things so they can instruct their sons and daughters to abstain from the same. * We cannot tell our children do not watch television, movies, playing video games, wasting time on Facebook, etc, while we are still doing that. * You cannot tell to your children don't drink alcohol, don't smoke, don't eat too much, and don't spend much while you are not observing that in your life. You cannot teach your children the things that you are not practicing. * There are things unclean and that will impart sin and wickedness in our lives. That very thing we should not keep or entertain in our lives and the lives of our families if we are still interested

and desiring to live in holiness for God. * Holiness is not only something that man desire, but it is a mandatory matter because without holiness no man will see the Lord *“14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.” (Hebrews 12:14 KJV)*

The angel further told the woman that her child will be fully dedicated to God, *“5 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 KJV)* * Now you must understand that when God gives you a child the Lord wants this child to be dedicated unto Him. * The child to be born to that family the Lord would use in the deliverance of His people from their enemies. * In the same way, today when the Lord would give to any family a child the child will take a lead to get involved in the church leadership and be a leading person in the future, to lead his family, to lead the Church of God, and the rest of the people in righteousness and help them to get delivered out from the hand of Satan and its wicked schemes.

Let us take heed now of this fact, that when God wants to start revival He will start from the family by sending a child to be raised in a Godly way so that when he is grown up he will be used by God to start a revival in the life of God's church and will lead them to full deliverance from the hands of the enemy.

The angel told the woman about the coming child born to her, *“no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb.” (Judges 13:5 KJV)* A Nazirite when he was walking in public it will be very clear his status to everyone and he was distinguished by his long hair. Holiness should be so evident in our lives and in the lives of our families and children that will be easily seen and recognized, as Jesus said, *“20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20 KJV)*

Holiness should be desired, strived for, and worked on diligently. When the woman told Manoah, her husband what had happened, *“Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.” (Judges 13:8 KJV)* He prayed to God to send again the man of God so that he can teach them how to raise the child in the proper way to serve the purpose of God.

The Word of God in the Bible, the Holy Spirit, and the teachers and the pastors of the church, all together are God's instruments and aid for you to teach you and equip you to raise your children in the way that ultimately God's purpose will be fulfilled and served.

God honored the prayer of Manoah, *“9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. 10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day. 11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. 12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?” (Judges 13:9-12 KJV)* Manoah was aware that there are rules that will govern his child's life that is why he asked, *“How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto*

him? (Judges 13:12 KJV) * In the same way, you need to be aware that children have to be under rules, discipline, and governed according to the Word of God and His instructions in the Bible. * These rules not only to govern their lives while they are still dependent on the parents for their living but even, further in their lives when they are adult and mature and working to support themselves and their families; the Godly parents still they have the rule to play over the lives of their children. Manoah asked the man of God the following: “How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?” (Judges 13:12 KJV) So there are orders and commands we need to be aware of so we can train our children on them so they will raise in the fear of the Lord and be equipped to do what is right.

Manoah was the head of his family and he needed to lead his family, and ultimately he and his wife will be accountable before God to govern well the coming child. Adam was the head of the family but he did not lead his wife well. Although he was the one who had received the Word of God, he did not govern his wife well. He did not ask and enquire about the source of the fruit that the woman brought to him. Or he might be even was aware of it but he just wanted to please his wife and make her happy and that is why he disobeyed God’s command.

Manoah, although God revealed Himself to his wife, he still desired to hear by himself from God. He took the responsibility of being the head of the family to raise the coming child in a Godly way. Manoah as a man that what God would expect from him to be the head to lead his family, “13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. 14 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 KJV) God gave him and confirmed to him the authority and the responsibility over his wife to watch over her to do everything that she was commanded to do. God told Manoah about his wife that, “Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.” (Judges 13:14 KJV) So Manoah realized that his wife must do everything she was commanded to do. In this way, Manoah was commissioned to lead his family in the righteousness of God and His Word. The Lord through God’s Word also commissioned the man to lead his family in the righteousness of God and His Word, “25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.” (Ephesians 5:25-26 KJV)

Samson did not marry. The first girl that he was attracted to and wanted to marry, God allowed that to take place for a purpose to get the opportunity to punish the Philistines. God did not allow him to marry that woman because it was not God’s will to intermarry with non-believers. “1 And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. 2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife. 3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. 4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel. 5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. 6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done. 7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. 8 And after

a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion. 9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion. 10 So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do. 11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. 12 And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments: 13 But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it. 14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle. 15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? is it not so? 16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee? 17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people. 18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion? and he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle. 19 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. 20 But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.” (Judges 14:1-20 KJV) Samson was attracted and pleased with the woman based on his eyes sight and nothing else. “1 And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. 2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.” (Judges 14:1-2 KJV) Many men do the same and fall into a tragedy and error in finding the meet helper for them by their eyes. Samson’s parents were non-willing to accept what their son proposed for them to do, for they had raised him as a Godly man and they would not expect him to marry a non-believer woman from the Philistines, “3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. 4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.” (Judges 14:3-4 KJV) God does not want His people to marry women from His enemies. Judah displeased God when he married a woman among the Canaanites, “2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.” (Genesis 38:2 KJV) And this is what the Lord said about Judah because he married a Philistines woman, “11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god. 12 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the

tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 2:11-12 KJV)

Samson’s wife was given to his friend. He should take heed of what had happened, and take heed to the advice of his parents: **“Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines?” (Judges 14:3 KJV)** After what had happened Samson should be seeking God and asking Him to lead him to have a suitable wife if that was God’s will for him to marry. But he did not do that, instead, he continued to chase after his lust. Samson pursued after his sinful nature and caused his life to end when he fell into fornication, **“I Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.” (Judges 16:1 KJV)** Later he fell in love with a woman called Delilah, who, through bribing her, the Philistines were able to conquer him **“4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. 5 And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.” (Judges 16:4-5 KJV)** The Hebrew Word meaning for ‘Delilah’, is ‘feeble’. True is that because Samson became feeble after he started his relationship with her. **Immoral relationships will weaken the men and the women of God and that will weaken and harm the Church of God.**

My Dear and Beloved: The Hebrew meaning of the name Samson is ‘like a sun’, who suppose to shine and give light. That is what our children supposed to be. His parents raised him as a Nazarite, and he judged Israel for twenty years, but the final outcome of the life of Samson was not pleasant and deviated much from the will of God and what God supposed for Samson to be. But inspite of that we can conclude the following:

1. The parents of Samson had done their best to raise their son as a Nazarite according to God’s instruction.
2. There are many good lessons we can learn from the parents of Samson how they obeyed God and how kept the order inside the family that the man needs to lead his wife and both parents need to lead their children.
3. Parents should keep instructing their children with the Word of God and implementing them, even if the children are not obeying, because they are commissioned by God to order their children.
4. Parents should continue to obey God and implement the Word of God and so they will not be blamed if the outcome of their children is not good.
5. The bad outcome of the life of Samson should not discourage us to continue to obey God and to continue to discipline our children.

Come now to God committing yourself to do the principles that you learned in this message about managing your family and disciplining your children and how to raise them in the fear of God; dedicating them to Him, trusting God that He will provide all your needs and the needs of your family as you continue to obey Him and do His will. **Let us pray ...**

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that encouraged me to continue to do my part to lead my family and to teach my children with your Word and implementing your will. Lord thank you for the family and the

children that you gave to me, and thank you for all the resources and the trials that you allowed in our life that we may continue to fear you and be faithful to you and fully trusting you.

Now repent and renounce of all your sins. Repent and renounce your delay obedience and partial obedience. Repent of your doubts and discouragements. Repent of your non willingness to discipline your children and your lack of faith and trust on God that as you are willing to discipline them, then God shall do His part and fulfill His will in their lives. Repent and renounce your worldliness and doing your own will and plan and not the will and the plan of God. Repent and renounce your lack of family worship, praying and reading the Bible with them. Repent of being yoked with non believers and spending much time with your friends, and on the Media, News and games. Repent of being bad example, your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent and renounce the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to implement what I learned from this message, that I will keep the order in my family as you ordained for it and to discipline my children and raise them in the fear of yours and dedicate them to serve you. Lord I trust you fully and I will do your will whatever the outcome will be. Lord I commit myself to continue to serve you until you come and take me with you to Heaven.

Lord, thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who committed their lives to do your will by teaching their children, discipline them, and raise them in the fear of yours. Lord answer their prayers, protect them, help them to pass the trials that they are facing in their lives, and provide all their needs so they will continue to serve you. Lord use their lives as a testimony to others to continue to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church, and help us to continue to teach your Word and help your people, the families under our care to raise their children in the fear of yours. Lord we pray for more Godly marriages to happen and more Godly families to be formed and more children to be dedicated to you. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the Spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and evangelize, and make disciples and train workers to go and plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the Whole will of God.’ Lord take the message and spread it to bring the fruits you desire. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

The Parents of Samson. Judges 13:1-14. Hebrews 12:14. Matthew 5:20. Ephesians 5:25-26. Judges 14:1-20. Genesis 38:2. Malachi 2:11-12. Judges 16:1,4-5.

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