



Sermon Questions: *A Child is Born: Samson*

Date: *December 5, 2021* | Scripture: *Judges 13*

1. What state are God's people in at the beginning of this chapter? What is the cause and effect according to 13:1?
2. Numbers 6 introduces the idea of a Nazirite vow. Compare Number 6:2 and Judges 13:5. Whose decision is it to undertake the vow in each case?
3. Look at 13:22. Whom did Manoah and his wife think they had seen? How can that match with the identification of 'the angel of the LORD' throughout the passage?
4. Look carefully at the promise made about the child in 13:5. What will he do, and how does it relate to 13:1?
5. Manoah and his wife understand that they are not the central characters in this story. What can we learn about faithful obedience from 13:6-7, 13:8-10, 13:19 and 13:23?

Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.

1. We have many problems. Though we may bear some responsibility for them, we are in many cases unable to resolve them. What would it look like for God to do the impossible in your life?
2. Samson only began to deliver Israel. The people had to wait many generations before Christ would come, and then the deliverance they found was not what they expected. How can Manoah's attitude of 13:8 be instructive as we seek to follow Jesus?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Numbers 6
- Psalm 3
- Jeremiah 31:15-26
- Matthew 1:17-25
- Romans 10:5-13
- 1 John 2:1-6

Pray for members of your CG each day this week

Worship using our Advent Devotional resource, in print or [online](#)

Invite friends who don't know Jesus to Advent events, or to dinner at your home

Listen to our Spotify playlist [A Child is Born: Advent 2021](#)

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

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