

**“Salvation Not Harm”**  
**Judges 13:1-23**  
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**I. Samson’s Birth Announced – Judges 13:1-5**

- A. Uniqueness of the Philistine Occupation:
  - 1. Israel never cries out for help.
  - 2. In fact, they seem to have become quite comfortable.
- B. Samson would be quite the unique Judge, yet his origin story stops focusing on him very quickly.

**II. Samson’s Father Confused – Judges 13:6-14**

- A. Manoah wants more detail about the Lord’s plan.
- B. The Angel of the Lord reappears but doesn’t give any more information.

**III. Samson’s Father Convinced – Judges 13:15-21**

- A. The Angel of the Lord reveals His divine identity in the request for a sacrifice and with His wonderful name (Psalm 139:6; Isaiah 9:6).
- B. The Angel of the Lord confirms His divine identity in the wonder of the ascending in the fire.
- C. Manoah finally realizes He was talking to the Lord the whole time.

**IV. Samson’s Father Comforted – Judges 13:22-23**

- A. Manoah is convinced he and his wife will now die.
- B. His wife wisely reminds him that God is clearly not out to harm them, as demonstrated by His previous promises and wonders.
- C. This same message would be needed for Israel when experiencing the results of Samson’s fear-provoking actions against the Philistines.
- D. We need this same reminder today when God’s work is mysterious and even scary.

*Romans 8:31–32 - <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?*