

07-Judges-13-Transcript

to another managing meetings in
different time zones I just want to
confirm that you could hear my voice
okay I'm gonna check on Facebook as well
we are coming through now
right so just waiting for a
confirmation let me check on a facebook
as well
and yes getting confirmation on facebook
that's great and let me just check on
see
volume is hollow and low whoo not sure
what to do about let me make sure that
right
okay I think we're in business thank you
very much for the confirmation and we
can we can begin

you

[Music]

[Music]

well greetings brethren hopefully I'm
coming through loud and clear apologize
for the little bit of a late start but
just going from one meeting to another
client in a different time zone and so
you know they don't understand that it's
suffer time here anyway we are ready to
go forward this evening we are up to
judges chapter is 12 and 13 and we're
going to finish the story of Jephthah
and move now into the story of samson so
we'll we'll begin with a word of Prayer
and then let's get into the study for
tonight and will be more customary and I
will be available for the chat afterward
so let's just open with a word of Prayer
our Heavenly Father we come before you
God and we're just so grateful to you
Father for the for your word for your
truth for the solid rock that we have
the promises we have that we can stand
on this world is rapidly unraveling

people are losing their minds they're becoming very anxious it is a time when iniquity abounds and the wicked are being successful the wicked are gaining momentum and for many God this is this is unnerving but for us we can have the joy that comes from the understanding that's in your word and so father we ask that you will bless us now as we seek to understand these former examples so that we can learn from them father upon whom the ends of the world have come thank you God for Jesus thank you for the Holy Spirit and thank you for giving us each other we ask your blessing on our understanding and our lives now as we seek to further deepen our understanding in our faith we praise you Lord and we thank you in Jesus most holy name we pray amen

so as I mentioned brethren we are up to judges 12 and 13 and we're just finishing the story of Jephthah and so now we last last time where we ended with Jeff

was he was victorious in the battle but he had made a vow and it was it was a careless vow and it was even a callous vow and he did not expect that is it was it be his daughter that would meet him when he comes back from battle and so he carried out that vow and unlike you think about Abraham when Abraham was about to slay his son God intervened and said okay I know you're faithful because God God is the one that told him to do this God intervened to ensure that from that one son Isaac this this innumerable multitude would come forth from the loins of Abraham and now we have this very successful leader in Gilead Ephraim in in Gilead Jephthah and he has one offspring and he's put himself in this situation now where he had to sacrifice

the offspring and you don't hear from God God doesn't jump in to say okay you don't need to do this we need to make sure that you have a seed no that's the end of his story and then we come into Judges 12 and verse 1 now the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together so remember he Jeff that has just been successful in the battle and the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together and went northward and said unto Jeff though why did you pass over to fight against the children of Ammon and did not call us to go with you we will burn your house upon you with fire so this is absolutely astonishing this is where Israel has degraded - instead of rejoicing that an enemy of Israel I think was 40 years that they were persecuting the Israelites instead of rejoicing that an enemy of Israel has been vanquished and giving thanks to God their pride is in the way and it's like how dare you do this and not allow us to have the glory don't do you want nowhere so he frame is the the biggest tribe that the most glorious tribe and and they don't like this and and doesn't it sound really familiar when we were in chapter 8 with with Gideon that when he was successful in battle the men of ephraim said unto him why have you served us thus that you didn't call us when you went to fight with the Midianites and they did chide him sharply and and he used diplomacy to say like hey what have I done compared to what you guys have done yet you're the greatest and then that kind of calmed them down but here they're threatening Jephthah with burning him and everybody in his house with fire because they he did not call them and Jephthah although

he's capable of diplomacy we saw that in previous chapter he doesn't use diplomacy here and Jephthah said unto them I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon and in a Jeff that has this great ability to put things in context and when he was challenging the king of Imani put the battle in contexts like where are you coming from this is the context so he did seem to be a big-picture thinker and and is able to provide context and he said unto them I am my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon and when I called you you delivered me not out of their hands so I did call you and you didn't help and when I saw that you delivered me not I put my life in my hands so this is real like I this wasn't uh just superficial to me III put myself at risk see you didn't help me and we're in great distress so I put my life in my own hands and I passed over against the children of Adam on and the Lord delivered them into my hand so and this is really what Gideon should have said so Gideon wanted to take the credit for the victory so you know so Gideon the sword of the Lord and the sword of Gideon but here's like hey what are you what are you having a oh you're upset with me I had to do this and God intervened and delivered them into my hand why then are you come up unto me this day to fight against me and this is significant because again we're gonna learn from the ancient example and we know that in the end time Christ tells us brother will betray brother and what we're seeing here is pride remember the Ephraimites are our brothers of the gileadites they're all israelites why are they talking about burning down each other's houses and

destroying each other
well pride and so whenever we have these
feelings of animosity feelings of
despising one of God's little ones
somebody is victorious in the Lord and
instead of rejoicing that hey they're
victorious in the Lord we despised them
we want to bring we want to destroy them
because hey it should be us so we can
learn from these ancient examples and
pride is Satan's problem and so he
injects that problem into man and we as
God's people who observe the holy days
and we observe unleavened bread annually
we rehearse on leavened bread annually
we rehearse the Passover annually we
should be able to spot pride and we
should be able to work against it
especially if it's stirring us up where
you mentioned somebody's name who is
victorious in the Lord and we despise
them we hate them we hope they can be
destroyed especially in this the context
of the prophecy that says ultimately
brother will betray brother we need to
watch that so he's saying like be
faithful saying what's your problem
what's your problem then Jephthah so he
decides to do something about it they've
threatened him with burning him him and
his family burning down their house he's
saying like I don't get it like what's
your problem here then Jephthah gathered
together all the men of Gilead remember
he's the leader now and they told him
you'll be our leader so he's more or
less the king of Gilead then Jeff they
gathered together all the men of Gilead
and fought with Ephraim that this is
where we've got these are the men that
I've inherited the promised land and
their feet are now on the promised land
and this is where we are he gathered all
the men of Gilead and fought with

Ephraim and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim because they said you gileadites are fugitives of for him among the Ephraimites and among the many sites so you're you're on our territory and you're fugitives and and you're nothing and so Jeff I now think of them is that as an army general he's able to gather his people and fight against the Ephraimites and he slays them even though they're supposed to be the fugitives and the gileadites took passages of jordan before the ephraim i'ts and so they're cutting off the the passages or the main passageways or bridges and it was so that when those ephraim i'ts which were escaped said let me go over that the men of Gilead said unto Him are you Anna free might and he said no no no I'm not anything so so even though Gilead is not on their home territory they've gotten the upper hand and I guess Jeff does very strategic they've gotten the upper hand as ephraim is now fleeing and trying to get back to you know safety they're able to cut them off and control the passageways and in controlling the passageways now remember again these are all israelites they ask him okay are you in ephraim ight now just the fact that he had to ask the question that should tell us something it means it wasn't obvious these are all israelites so so you know if they're different races let's say or they're different heights you think of the Rwanda and the Tutsis and the Hutus you know the Hutus were short and stocky and dark and the Tutsis were tall and slender and light-skinned and so you just have to look at somebody and you know okay you're from a different tribe but here looking at the ephraim i'ts doesn't tell them anything so they

actually have to ask are you and ephraim
it-- and he said no so there's nothing
in your appearance that tells us
otherwise so we've got another test for
you then said they unto him say now
Shibboleth and he said Cybil a--the for
he could not frame to pronounce it right
so as your
different territories different dialects
emerge so you know if you think of your
home country where ever you might come
from whether it's America or a Caribbean
or Africa or Europe that there are these
different pockets and the accent is
different and there are some words you
just can't quite say because from birth
you didn't talk that way and so those
vocal muscles are not developed and so
say this word there's a way the
gileadites would say it where they would
say Shibboleth and if you were not from
that region you couldn't pronounce it
like that
so he tries but he ends up saying sip'
allah and this is the only detection
they have it's not the way he's dressed
it's not the way he looks it even the
way he speaks that's not enough it's
just certain words so we've got to bring
it down to the certain words and this is
where today in our current situation the
notion that if we just eliminate
everybody who's of another race and life
is gonna be paradise because everybody
who has the same race as us thinks the
same way and has the same heart well
sorry that's just not the case and here
even the people of Israel hate each
other and they find a reason to hate
each other and it's come down to you
can't say this word the way we do
therefore we know you're you're not of
our tribe so we're in a time of
tribalism the world is going tribal

what's your tribe because if your tribe is not the Church of God you're in big trouble if you have another tribe that's more important to you than the Church of God you're gonna go tribal and in that sense your tribalism is going to be satanic you're going to be satanic ly motivated and you're going to be satanic ly manipulated but if you're of the tribe of the Church of God you will be inspired by the Holy Spirit and to be tribal in the Holy Spirit is actually to become self sacrificial

so instead of wanting to destroy other tribes like Christ you are willing to die for it for others you're willing to sacrifice yourself for others so you don't come into the tribe of the Church of God to look down on everybody else and think how somehow you're superior you come into the that the body of Christ to be like Christ and we will first of all lay down our lives for those in the body we would never ever ever if moved by the Holy Spirit we would never ever ever put some other form of tribe ahead of the body of Christ

that's our tribe it doesn't matter where they come from it doesn't matter how tall they are how short they are when they were born where they were born none of that matters we discern the Lord's body by the Holy Spirit and once we've discerned the Lord's body we're ready to die for it we will lay down our lives for our friends we would never betray but not only that we have a willingness to love our enemies so to be part of this body to be part of this tribe it's not the satanic nature of or characteristic of tribalism which is very insular and full of hatred for anybody who's in the out-group when

you're part of the body of Christ yes we discern the difference between those who have the holy spirit and those who don't and we're willing to lay down our lives for those who do but not only that that just trains us to love loving our brother in Christ just teaches us the truth in the the reality of agape love and once we develop that we have it for all mankind

so here we are in Israel in the promised land with Israelites hating each other so we cannot be so naive to be manipulated to think that any tribe outside of the Holy Spirit tribe is somehow meaningful to us and in its true unity it's not so much so the Christ says even your own family will betray you then said they unto him say now Shibboleth and he said Cybil earth for he could not frame to pronounce it right now what's the consequence of not being able to pronounce this word in the right way

then they took him and slew him at the passages of Jordan so they kill him and then what happened and there fell at that time of the Ephraim i'ts 40 mm so because of their pride what's that proverb pride goeth before a fall because of their pride they challenged the wrong man and because of his pride he didn't take it lying down and and he was willing to attend he had control over all these gileadites they pledged that he would be their leader and he marshaled their abilities to slay his own brethren this matters to us brethren because Christ tells us that in the end time brother shall betray brother brother shall cause brother to be put to death and so what we see here is all once pride gets in your heart pride in anything other than Christ let him who

glories glories in this glory in this
that he understands and knows me so our
glory is Christ
but if our glory becomes something else
it becomes another tribe and we have
glory in that we are candidates for
satanic manipulation and ultimately the
slaughter of the body of Christ 42,000
Ephraimites died and Jephthah judged
Israel six years then died Jephthah the
gileadites and was buried in one of the
cities of Gilead so he had six years of
reigning over and remember they hated
him they rejected him and then they went
running after him but he wasn't perfect
and people are not perfect and part of
the lesson that we want to understand
here in studying judges is God will use
imperfect people and the reason he will
use imperfect people is because he loves
Israel he's in covenant with Israel so
remember Israel has taken God to the end
of his patience but he's in covenant
with them and so there's no indication
it took the writer of Judges never says
God raised up
Jephthah the people went and selected
him they remembered that he was a
a very courageous and valiant man and so
they went after him and they made him
their leader and then in that role God
then it eventually uses him puts his
Holy Spirit on him he works within the
human system and I'm saying this because
people do not understand how important
the United States of America is globally
to all of us I don't live in America
I'm British a British Canadian I'm not
American but if I look at the thing
globally this is the one country that is
standing in the way of globalism and God
hates the globalism that Satan wants to
bring and he hates what it's going to do
to his people when when this

totalitarian regime gets the upper hand
watch out yet God is putting it off as
long as possible so for all of you who
hate Donald Trump all I can say to you
is it's not about the man it's about
God's people and God wanting to give
people as much time as possible to
repent and God wanted to give his his
body as much time as possible to do the
work and to bear fruit and to turn
people to repentance because of the
night comes when no man can work
so here Jeff does this mixed bag he's
got some characteristics that are good
but he's got a lot of characteristics
that are not so good and yet God used
him he's in the Hall of Fame or the Hall
of faith in Hebrews 11 the faith chapter
he gets honorable mention and what shall
I say more for the time would fail me to
tell of Gideon another mixed bag we read
Gideon's career we read about his life
he was no perfect man and of Barack
Barack was not perfect either
very fearful and yet these men did works
of faith and of Samson were just about
to read Samson the next few chapters now
we're gonna examine Samson's life oh boy
Wow how he made it into the Hall of
faith that's that's amazing but at the
end of his life and we're gonna read
about his life here and it
shocking talk about an unfaithful man
talk about a disaster of an Israel I
talk about an absolute failure of an
Israelite and yet at the end of his life
he acted in faith on behalf of God's
agenda and so he's recognized in the
Hall of faith we're not we're not
looking for perfect people no people
will will tear somebody apart because
they have flaws I you know can we
publish your flaws can we examine your
life what if we spend 50 million dollars

and all and spare no expense and resource to examine your life and publish every detail we find that's unflattering and yet here you are Here I am God wanted to use us and maybe mention us in the future in the Hall of faith and of Samson and of Jephthah of David also and Samuel and of the Prophet so all these men that are mentioned in this chapter have performed works of faith that get God's attention and God's gratitude and he wants it no so Jeff Thaw is in the Hall of faith by faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land which the Egyptians tried to do were drowned and so they go on to say all these men of Israel what they were able to do by faith so Jephthah's in there and Samson's in there we're gonna study Samson's life now in 1st Samuel 12 and verse 11

clearly it says the Lord sent dirt Yoruba and Bedan and Jephthah and Samuel and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side and you dwelt safe so clearly in Samuel Samuel is clear that Jephthah was sent by God but nowhere does it say that God raised him up because here even in Judges when we read or hear in 12 actually I was going to show you in chapter 11 where the Holy Spirit comes upon Jephthah so it's you know there's a certain point in Israel's decline where God now has to act in order to preserve the nation and he puts his spirit on this man now Samson is different as we read about Samson we're going to see that God raised up Samson God had a design on Samson from birth but there are other prophets like Off Neill we're an in get Ian where God is clearly in the picture and raises them up but by Jephthah there's an alienation with the

nation the God has basically written them off but not completely and so he puts his spirit on Jephthah to perform these mighty deeds to save Israel so we have to see like is it possible today when you see somebody in an office where the whole world is against him and trying to destroy him and if they're successful it's not him they're after it's the nation of America to bring it down and then with that goes their constitution and the the moral compass that that they have based on Scripture which is to say and this is this is the unique thing about America that man has rights that are god-given and therefore no government can take them away this is this is in their found this is in their founding documents and not only does man have rights that no man can take away but man is flawed and therefore it's not safe to give anyone man complete control over others because it will remove the rights that God gave that man so therefore we have because the nature of man is flawed therefore we need checks and balances so there's all kinds of checks and balances built into the design of America to preserve the freedom of man you don't get this with other nations and this is why they need to remove America and bring down America and unfortunately some of us are helping some of us don't understand the agenda and we're happy when we see America decline but Christ says lawlessness shall abound and that means the wicked have to succeed that means the wicked have to make progress in order for abundance of wickedness to take place so let's be careful who and what we're supporting so here we see the career of some other judges now back in

judges 12 and verse 8 so after Jephthah
EADS an of Bethlehem judged Israel and
he had 30 sons and 30 daughters
so unlike Jephthah who had no offspring
the one daughter he had he himself
killed he had 30 sons and 30 daughters
whom he sent abroad and took in 30
daughters from abroad for his sons and
he judged Israel 7 years and I think we
intend here or the implication is he is
mixing with the other tribes of Israel
and he's forming these alliances with
the other form other tribes of Israel so
that he can have a more secure position
then died of sin and was buried at
Bethlehem and after him Ilan Zebulon
aiight judged Israel and he judged his
real 10 years so we don't get any
details I mean these men did things and
they saved Israel there are many saviors
but in the storyline that's that's
following here and that the the writer
wants us to understand it's just these
are just other judges we know that their
purpose is to save Israel and so that's
that's what happened I mean this one
judged Israel seven years he had 30 sons
and 30 daughters made lots of alliance
and say he must have done something but
it doesn't help the storyline then died
if someone was buried at Bethlehem and
after him
Ilana Zebulon Israel and he judges real
10 years so again 10 years there's a lot
that can happen in ten years we don't
get much so eally unders Ilan the zib
zib you lied died and was buried in Asia
lon in the country of Zebulun so again
no details and after him abdon the son
of Hillel a para the night judged Israel
so this is a place in Ephraim so he
would be an affray might and he had 40
sons and 30 says nephews it's really
grandchildren that Rodon threescore and

ten donkeys and he judged Israel eight years so that's it that's a position of prestige and you remember the wealth of Gideon that he had 70 sons had many wives and then remember year gileadite he judged 22 years and he had 30 sons that rode on donkeys and they had 30 cities and so it's a position of prestige so these these judges are now becoming very prestigious and I've done the son of back to judges 12 Hallel that parathe a knight died and again no details here of what happened during their reign things happened not important to the story line and was buried in parathe on in the land of ephraim so he wasn't ephraim aight in the mount of the Amalekites now chapter 13 and we've heard this before but let's go over it again and the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord so whatever these judges were doing obviously they were successful because when Israel is not successful when they're being persecuted when they're being destroyed that's when they remember to cry out to God and and some of us are like that you know when things are going well we don't remember God but when we're in trouble oh I'll do this and I'll do this and this is human nature so whatever these judges did for the period of time that they were judging Israel they were obviously pushing back the the Gentile nations and pushing back that the persecutors of Israel and so now in that abundance what does Israel do they return to their evil and the children of Israel did evil again in whose eyes in the sight of the Lord this is really important language and then pastor Murray addressed this in his sermon on Sabbath that their conscience was not bothered by what they

were doing in in their mind they were
doing very well we're keeping the
Sabbath we're keeping the holy days were
really good people
and they are getting caught up in what's
going on around them they're getting
pulled into the the society around them
and in God's eyes these things that the
people around them that God said go in
and clear these people out of the land
these things that these people around
them are engaged in are
abominations and they're getting caught
up in it and this is where again we have
to be careful these things are written
for our example so that we do not lust
after evil things and if we get caught
up in what's going on around us we're
going to begin to want things that are
evil in God's eyes we're going to
associate with things that are an
abomination in God's eyes but we don't
see it that way we have another
explanation and so you know you talk to
somebody about what they're doing and
what they're participating in and what
they're supporting and they've got all
kinds of rhetoric and it sounds good but
that doesn't matter what matters is are
you bearing fruit and you will not be
able to bear fruit if you are not fed by
God's Word if you begin to abandon God's
Word and replace it with other words
your your you become useless I become
useless and we get we don't notice
because it's so gradual it's so and our
children come up in this society in the
people around and they start using the
same language as the people around and
the same customs and we end up in this
syncretism where we're mixing the
worship of Yehovah with the pagan
religions and we think it's okay because
what we are still keeping the Sabbath

still keeping the holy day so I still
give my offerings still keep my tithes
but we're doing other things
that God is looking and saying this is
evil so despite their clear conscience
when God is looking at them he says
their return they've returned to evil
and the Lord said them because they've
returned to evil who does it the Lord
delivered them into the hand of the
Philistines for forty years so God does
this and it doesn't happen overnight it
happens gradually from one year to the
next

there are certain forces in our society
that are gaining momentum
and because it happens gradually each
year we compare it to where things were
the year before or each week we compare
it to where things were the week before
what we don't do is say where were we 40
years ago and where are we now
who had the upper hand 40 years ago and
who has the upper hand now and where is
this leading where will what will the
next 40 years bring we need to be able
to think in terms of these timelines is
these trajectories because that's how
God works so over time we see
Christianity waning and Christian
influence waning and we see the
influence of other organizations
globally gaining strength gaining
momentum and then we have to ask
ourselves okay when they're in a
position of complete power because
that's where it's heading or sort of one
is going down the other is going up it's
kind of you know because we're we're
here and the other forces are here and
we still think we have the upper hand
but we're not looking at the direction
directionally we're going down
directionally they're going up at some

point we cross and they get the upper hand are they gonna believe in family are they gonna believe in morality are they going to enjoy Christ being honored when the honor of Christ condemns their lifestyle as an abomination so God is the one who hands over power and nobody can have offices of power without God's permission so that again the election coming up in November I think we have brethren that if Donald Trump loses they will be furious maybe even become violent maybe this group will participate in civil war and certainly we have brethren the other way as well we can't do this we pray the scripture tells us to pray for Kings so that we can live peaceable lives and do the work of God so we certainly pray but we don't fight and we certainly don't kill and we certainly don't cause others to be put to death so let's be thinking these things and we accept God's will that God is judging the nation's and he's bringing about his strange work his marvelous work and so we are here as his servants and if we're useful to him he's going to protect us while we're useful to him and then like Shadrach Meshach and Abednego we're not careful to answer if there is our time is this time to go it's time to go but let's finish strong everybody has to die so okay let's get over that how do you die do you die honorable or do you die despised and a reject of God and then there's no eternal life this is this is fleeting well we're after his eternal life with God and upholding and glorifying Christ and that's going to become difficult as God gives the upper hand to wicked men or waxing worse and worse and gaining in power and control and succeeding so that iniquity can abound and flourish so God

delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years and there was a certain man of Zorah of the family of the Danites so now he's gone into the tribe of Dan God has whose name was Manoah and his wife was barren and bare not and the angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman and said unto her behold now you are barren what is watching the whole situation and now he's gonna act on Israel's behalf again even though he when I read judges I'm like okay god I don't understand you know why haven't you cut these why didn't the Bible end at judges and the only thing I have to go back to Deuteronomy and say oh he's in a covenant they make break the covenant but he's not gonna break the covenant he's made a promise to Abraham to Isaac in to Israel and he's going to fulfill that promise through these people so despite their unfaithfulness God will remain faithful so he says to the woman behold now you are barren and bare not but you shall conceive and bear a son now therefore beware I beg you and drink not wine nor strong drink and eat not any unclean thing this is the mother she cannot do this for lo you shall conceive and bear a son and no razor shall come upon 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 so they the Philistines have been oppressing Israel for forty years now God is gonna raise up this this man and it's probably gonna be another 20 years before Israel can really fight back but God is it's all in the design so there's patience required God doesn't act overnight now the man God tells the woman he's going to be an ass right so you can't drink wine or eat grapes and

when the boy is born he has to take this
vow from from birth to be a Nazarite and
this is coming from number 6 and if
you're familiar with the Rastafarians
movement it's rooted in this scripture
so number 6 and verse 1 and the Lord
spoke unto Moses now say its roots it's
a misunderstanding that this is a temper
this is a temporary vow in Samson's case
it was in fact to be a lifetime vow but
any Israelite could make this vow and it
could be for a period of time and then
when that time is complete then they
they they come out of the valley you see
that in the New Testament with the
Apostle Paul and the Lord spoke unto
Moses saying speak unto this is number 6
in the Torah speak unto the children of
Israel and say unto them when either a
man or a woman shall separate themselves
to vow a vow of a Nazarite to separate
themselves unto the Lord he shall and
here the conditions separate himself
from wine and strong drink and shall
drink no vinegar of wine or vinegar of
strong drink neither shall he drink any
liquor of grapes nor eat moist grapes or
dried all the days of his separation
shall he eat nothing that is made of the
vine tree from the kernels even to the
husk all the days of the vow of his
separation there shall no razor come
upon his head until the days be
fulfilled
in which he separates himself unto the
Lord he shall be holy and shall let the
locks of the hair of his head grow so
this is these are the conditions of the
bow now what we're gonna see with Samson
as we study his life in his career is he
breaks all of them out like he actively
violates every single condition of this
oath and yet God still uses him God God
had a plan - God loves Israel and even

if he has to use flawed human beings to save Israel that's what he'll do now talk about a flawed human being this may be the most flawed human being the most flawed Israelite I I don't I don't say I won't say categorically but he's in the running if we were to have a contest to say who gets the most flawed Israelite award well we'd have to put Samson in the running so remember these conditions cause he's gonna violate them all 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 in fact we believe this is a theophany an appearance of Christ himself so Christ Himself is intervening in the life of Israel very terrible but I asked him not where he came from or neither told me his name so don't ask me and are you gonna ask me don't ask me I didn't ask but he said this unto me behold you shall conceive so they've been trying and it's very obvious when a couple in Israel is barren because that they were all about having children and reproducing and this woman has no children and so this man came to me and said behold you shall conceive and bear a son and now drink no wine or 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 so this is very unusual the God is saying look from the moment he's born until he dies when home and he's born until he dies he's to be delete lead the life of a Nazarite and have this vowed to God because he's holy he set it from birth he has been set up art for a special purpose now as we watch his life he's gonna violate all the conditions but God still uses him

and he still ends up in the Hall of faith then Manoa and this is very encouraging so this man obviously is a good man Manoah entreated the Lord and said oh my lord let the man of God which you did send come again unto us and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born so he realizes that the magnitude of the responsibility and he entreats God and says okay we accept this but please can the man come back and actually tell us what what we are to do how we are to handle this this is quite a responsibility and God hearkened to the voice of Manoa so that that shows you how to pray when we have these big responsibilities on our shoulders to seek God's guidance that show us how to do this and guard heart God hearkened to the voice of Manoa and the angel of God came on to again unto the woman as she sat in the field but Noah her husband was not with her and the woman made haste and ran and showed her husband and said unto Him behold the man has appeared unto me that came unto me the other day you can imagine the excitement like hurry hurry he's here and when Noah arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said unto him are you the man that spoke to the woman and he said I am and manoa said now let your words come to pass so we accept what you've said how she'll is asleep but here's a question how shall we order the child and how shall we do unto him like if what your story it's not even if we know what you said is true help us this is a big responsibility what should we do with the child so that we do our part in fulfilling the child's holiness and the angel of the Lord said unto me Noah of all that I said unto the woman let her

beware so make sure she follows exactly
shy I spoke to her make sure she does
what I said she may not eat of anything
that comes of the vine neither let her
drink wine or strong drink nor eat any
clung any unclean thing all that I
commanded her let her observe you can be
sure that manoa made sure that she
followed these instructions and that
together they were very cautious to do
these things and Manoah said unto the
angel of the Lord I beg you let us
detain you until we shall have made
ready a kid for you so you see the
hospitality of this man and this is this
is not fast food this is not you know
let us just put on the barbecue and flip
a burger and we can just take a bite
before you leave this is gonna take some
time to prepare all of this and he's
saying really fellowship with us while
we do this and the angel of the Lord
said unto me Noah though you detain me I
will not eat of your bread so yes I will
stay with you
I just won't eat anything from you and
if you will offer a burnt offering you
must offer it unto the Lord so I will
accept from you a burnt offering for the
Lord from an Ummah Noah knew not that he
was an angel of the Lord so as they're
having this interaction he just appears
like a man so are you the man that spoke
to my wife and he just seems like a
normal man you need to in Manoa doesn't
realize this isn't this is an angel of
the Lord or we could even say the angel
of the Lord
and Manoa's said unto the angel of the
Lord what is your name and when your
sayings come to pass that when your
sayings come to pass we may do your
honor
when Noah has no doubt manoah's not

saying like if this happens I'm you know
I want to just get back in touch with
you and let you know that it actually
happened it's like no I
I accept what you've said we're gonna do
exactly what the LORD commanded and when
it happens we want to do you honor so
what's your name
and the angel of the Lord said unto Him
why do you ask thus after my name seeing
it his secret soma Noah took a kid with
a meat offering and offered it upon a
rock to the Lord so he accepted that
it's none of his business what the name
of this angel is but he did go ahead
with the offering and the angel did
wondrously and Manoah and his wife
looked on so maybe that has something to
do with how the burnt offering was
consumed but they're watching this and
it's just miraculous for it came to pass
when the flame went up toward heaven
from off the altar that the angel of the
Lord ascended in the flame of the altar
like he thought he was talking to a man
and now in the when he accepts the
offering and it's burnt up he goes up in
the flame with the offering to God and
Manoah and his wife looked on it and
fell on their faces to the ground like
this is astonishing but the angel of the
Lord did no more appear to Manoah and
his wife then manoa knew that he was an
angel of the Lord so he realized okay
this was supernatural and manoa said
unto his wife we shall surely die why
would they die we shall surely die why
why do they believe they will die
because we have seen God so so they
realized like this this was supernatural
we have actually been in contact with
God so this is where we see that this is
a theophany that this is Christ himself
and he's the angel of the Lord we think

in English angel but it's really the messenger in Hebrew it's the messenger of the Lord and then Christ as the logos but his wife said unto him so she now has to talk some sense into him because he's like we're dead were dead this is it

we were actually in contact with God but his wife said unto him if the Lord were pleased to kill us he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands

so remember cane so Kane made his offering God didn't accept it so she's like well wait a minute he did accept the burnt offering so if the Lord were pleased to kill us he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands neither would he have shown us all these things nor would as at this time have told us such things as these so she's basically saying to him use your head

you know this is a think about it how could God be displeased with us he's got a plan he's got a plan for our son he's got a plan for us we have to just do what he says and the woman bear a son and called his name Samson and the child grew and the Lord blessed him and the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between zorah and s2 all so remember he has a Danite and now we see the Spirit of the Lord very early on being involved with him so he's not like the other boys he's not like the other man he's not like the other day nights there's something about him which is special and even his appearance obviously from birth being a Nazarite he's gonna have the hair he's just gonna look different he's gonna behave differently they don't he doesn't get involved in the drinking of wine or

the eating of grapes or certain things that he shouldn't be doing it his parents are gonna be careful about that when he's young and then the Spirit of the Lord because he's holy and set apart the Spirit of the Lord is moving him at times and Sampson so he's a special child and the danger now so these parents they didn't ask God you know what do we do and the instructions were to keep him holy but he was special and you know she was barren and this is their only child so it's probably not much of a stretch of an imagination to say he was spoiled and probably ended up with the the Absalom syndrome how David spoiled Absalom and when we spoil our children they're spoiled they begin to think they're the center of the universe and that's what happened to Sam sir so Samson becomes very narcissistic very self-centered very impulsive as he cuz he's a special person and and he's unique and so Samson went down to Timna Timnath and saw a woman of Timnath of the daughters of the Philistine so these are the oppressors of Israel these are the Gentiles and so he now goes into this Gentile town and he sees a Philistine woman and she caught his eye high in a lustful way so there's something about her face something about her body something about her clothing just caught his attention 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 and this is an indication as well again that he expects them to do this he doesn't come and say you know I saw this woman and I'm really attracted to her what do you think he's not looking for advice he's giving them instructions you go and

do this and so again you can see what happens when we spoil our children they frighten us when they get older we have to be training our children in such a way that when they get older they become decent human beings with good character and good moral values in and respect he does not have respect for his parents so you go and get her from I lust then his father and his mother said unto Him is there never a woman among the daughters of your brethren or among all your people that you go to take a wife of the uncircumcised philistine like this understand that there's so many Israelite women all around so many day-night women you can even go outside the tribe and there's so many other tribes and Israelite women can't you ever find one of them why are you going to the Philistines so they were confused by this and the uncircumcised Philistines you're gonna bring that into Israel and again you know within the church we do the same thing we go outside the tribe and Samson said unto his father get her for me for she pleases me well like I'm just like I'm just I can't think of anything else she pleases me well and we need to be careful about this this can happen we need to govern ourselves I remember when when I met my wife I was very very careful to be sure is this is this the right person before I allow my emotions to take over I was very careful and then when I saw all the right signs and the good character I'm like yeah this is this is this is the one I knew that this can happen you just get taken over and then for our women out there you have to be careful men can have this lust for you and then once they have you they hate you

you think of that one of the sons of David and I think it was Tamar and he just couldn't think of anything else but her until he had her then he hated her so this lust is very very dangerous and very fleeting I mean even David himself where Nathan had to say to him like you're that this wandering man came and took the one lamb that that the man had even though he had a hundred had I had it on this wandering lost has to be governed this this evil nature this evil inclination and Samson said unto his father get her for me for she pleases me well but his father and his mother knew not that it was of the Lord that he sought an occasion against the Philistine

so God is allowing this to play out even though this is a flawed man it's like you're thinking think of a chess game and again the chess master he has a strategy but there's an opponent and the board begins to unfold in not exactly the way the strategy called for but the chess master was ready for that so if it goes this way we'll do this if it goes this way we'll do this so so this man now is has this lust and God it's Ladies Day okay I can use this allow it I can use this but he sought an occasion against the Philistines for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel and God doesn't God wants to release them from this bondage then when Samson down and his father and his mother to Timnath so they stay acquiesced and they're now going to do their sons will and came to the vineyards of Timnath and behold a young lion roared against him imagine that you see a lion roaring and proverbs 3030 says a lion which is strongest among beasts and turns not

away for any so these these are powerful creatures and so Samson's on his way to Timnath and he sees this lion and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him and he tore him as he would have torn a kid and he had nothing in his hand but he told not his father or his mother what he had done so he knew he had this special strength so the same way like the typical man might be able to pull apart a small goat and pull it two legs apart here he's confronted by a lion and the Spirit of the Lord comes upon him and gives him this special strength and he's fearless and he's able to take down the lion and pull it apart like it's nothing but he doesn't tell his parents about it but he's aware that he has this special strength and he went down and talked with the woman so imagine this the sweet talking because he's just smitten he's just like wow can't believe this woman that she's exotic and the way she moves and looks and dresses and talks and so he's talking with the woman and he's just in he's just enraptured and she pleased Samson well it's like and after a time he returned to take her and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion and behold there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion so this isn't dead this is the dead lion now and he's on his way back and he sees the honey and remember his vow he's gonna break every condition of the vows so here we go and he took thereof in his hands and went on eating he's not supposed to touch a dead body so he's eating out of the dead body he's just full of his own impulses he sees the special one and the world the world revolves around him and he took thereof

in his hands and
eaton 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 carcass of the lion so
he knows and maybe the mother is keeping
her vow to continue to keep the vow
but it doesn't tell them anything he
just gives them the honey and there's
also you can see and there is
something's wrong in the relationship
this man is a narcissistic totally
self-centered only his perspective
matters and and even you see there's a
breakdown with his parents so his father
went down unto the woman and Samson made
their a feast for so used the young men
to do so this is a marriage ceremony now
and the father it's like okay if this is
what you want I'll help you so the
father is going through the marriage
ceremony or process with him and there's
there's a feast now and it came to pass
when they saw him that they brought him
thirty companions to be with him and
Samson said unto them I will now put
forth a riddle unto you if you can
certainly declare it me within the seven
days of the feasts so this marriage
feast would go on for seven days so if
you can I'm gonna give you a riddle and
if you can tell me the riddle before the
end of the seven days and find it out
then I will give you thirty sheets and
thirty change of garments so he's having
a bit of fun but a sport and he wants to
know if they can figure this out but if
you cannot declare it to me then shall
you give me thirty sheets and thirty
changes of garments and they said unto
Him put forth your riddle that we may
hear it 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
also they're trying like what does this
mean

out of the eater came forth meat and out
of the strong came forth sweetness
trying to show three days go by they
can't figure it out and it came to pass
on the seventh day so they're running
out of time now am I gonna have to
enrich Sampson when they could have they
thought this is going to be easy they
could they could get this riddle so now
on the seventh day they realize okay
that we're in trouble

you came to pass on the seventh day that
they said the Samson's wife entice your
husband that he may declare unto us the
riddle lest we burn you and your
father's house with fire now doesn't
that sound familiar didn't I am
threatened

Jephthah with this this is what happens
when you're in a society you pick up
their morals you pick up their behavior
so this is something that these people
would do just burn down the house with
fire with the people in it and so that's
where we see Ephraim got this now
because that wasn't an Israelite custom
now these people this is their own
people they're telling this woman we're
gonna burn your house down with your
family unless you tell us unless you
entice your husband have you called us
to take what we have isn't it so like
we're gonna lose our wealth here and
this is your fault you're the one who
brought this guy into our territory and
Samson's wife wept before him and said
you do but hate me I'm gonna be burned
with fire like if you cared for me you
said y'all this sweet talk pillow talk
love talk you say how much you love me
but you don't because now I'm gonna be

burned with fire my whole household you
do but hate me and love me not I don't
at all about all those words I don't
accept them you have put forth a riddle
unto the children of my people and you
haven't told it to me and he said unto
her behold I have not told it to my
father nor my mother and shall I tell it
to you I haven't told anybody so don't
feel bad here and she wept before him
the seven days while their feast lasted
so there's supposed to be a joyful
occasion and she's just really torn up
over this and so there's no joy and it
came to pass on the seventh day he
finally he told her because she lay sore
upon him and she told the riddle to the
children of her people so finally other
things they found out in time and the
men of the city said unto Him on the
seventh day before the Sun went down so
when the Sun Goes Down that's the
deadline but they managed to catch it
before the Sun went down what is sweeter
than honey
and what is stronger than a lion and he
said unto them if you had not plowed
with my heifer you had not found out my
riddle so you broke the rules you went
outside of the rules of the contest and
that's how you found out and the Spirit
of the Lord came upon him and he went
down to Ashkelon and he slew 30 men of
them so he has to now fulfill his end of
the bargain and God is using this as an
occasion against them so now he goes in
he slays 30 men of them of the
Philistines and took their spoil and
gave change of garments unto them which
expounded the riddle so these must be
nice clothes he sees them he slays these
men takes their clothing off them and
his anger was kindled and he went up to
his father's house so he's really

furious about this but Samson's wife was given to his companion whom he had used as his friend or I guess the indication there would be they kind of gave him a best man so during the whole ride and wedding ceremony this person would be sort of like the best man there because he's in the Philistine territory not with any other Israelite and except his parents and now he leaves in a huff the father of the wife gives it gives the wife to the best man to the friend and so that's what we'll leave it there we come back god willing next week we'll see how all of this unfolds but this is the we're getting into the career of Samson and it's really strange how you know we had three judges there that God doesn't inspire the author to give us any details but boy are we gonna get a lot of detail from Samson and one thing we're gonna see very clearly what a flawed human being what a flawed human being but in the end he does have an act of faith that causes him to be written in the Hall of faith so here we are we're in the career of Samson God willing we'll return to this next week brethren thanks so much for joining us what an awesome God we serve god bless you
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