



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 15, 2021 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

“Who is the Angel of the Lord?”

Judges 13

1. An ordinary woman meets the angel of the Lord.
(Judges 13:1-7)
2. An ordinary husband meets the angel of the Lord.
(Judges 13:8-14)

3. What does it mean to meet the angel of the Lord? (Judges 13:15-25)

Table Talk

- 1) What is the national problem in Israel? (v. 1) What is the personal problem for Manoah and his wife? (v. 2) In what ways are national problems and personal problems intersecting for you?
- 2) Why do you think that the angel of the Lord meets the woman first? What does the angel of the Lord say to the woman about what she should do? What does the angel of the Lord say to the woman about what her son should do? (vv. 3-5) What is a Nazarite? (see Numbers 6:1-21)
- 3) What does the woman report to her husband? (vv. 6-7) What impresses the woman more, the nature of the angel of the Lord or the message that he brought to her? Does Manoah believe his wife?
- 4) What two things does Manoah ask of the Lord? (v. 8) What might he be expecting in being taught what to do with the child? How does he repeat this request? (v. 12) Why might we consider the angel of the Lord's answer unsatisfying? (vv. 13-14) What is sometimes unsatisfying in general about the scripture's teaching on how to raise children?
- 5) Who is the angel of the Lord? How do we know that this is no mere angel but rather an appearance of God Himself? (vv. 15-23) What do you think of Manoah and his wife? How do they represent God fearing people in the midst of a nation of rebellion? How can you represent God fearing people in the midst of a nation of rebellion?
- 6) How do we meet the angel of the Lord?