

The Angel of the LORD

Judges 13

Introduction:

- A. Many are fascinated with the unseen, the s_____ world.
 - 1. Many endeavor to c_____ the spirit world.
 - 2. God has p_____ a connection between the spirit world and the physical world.
- B. The setting of Judges 13
 - 1. Israel falls back into i_____ after Jephthah dies.
 - 2. God raises up the Philistines to p_____ Israel.
 - 3. The Philistines oppress the Israelites for _____ years before Israel finally cries out to God.
 - 4. Long before Israel's cries, God was preparing a judge to deliver them – Samson. But our study starts with his p_____.
 - a. A spirit being, called the angel of the LORD, makes contact with Samson's parents.
 - b. This spirit being is the means of connection between the physical world and God. Has this spirit contacted you?

He took on p_____ form to contact people

- A. Manoah's wife
 - 1. Unable to have c_____ (v. 2)
 - 2. Is promised a s_____ by the angel of the LORD (v. 3)
 - 3. Is told that this son would begin to d_____ Israel from the Philistines (v. 5)
- B. How did Manoah's wife describe the angel of the LORD to Manoah?
 - 1. She calls Him a m_____ of God (v. 6a)
 - 2. She describes Him as having an a_____ that had similarities to the angel of God (v. 6b)
- C. How did Manoah see the angel of the LORD? – as a m_____ (v. 11)
- D. The angel of the LORD compared to other angels
 - 1. Angels most often appeared as human beings but with a special radiance.
 - a. Their appearance f_____ people.
 - b. Angels would begin their message with, *Don't be a_____* (Lk 1:12,13,30; 2:9,10).
 - 2. The angel of the LORD never frightened people when He appeared, only when they realized who He really was.
 - a. H_____ (Gen 16:7-13)
 - b. Jacob w_____ with Him (Gen 32:24-30)
 - c. Moses was a_____ by His appearance (Ex 3:2,3)

- d. Balaam saw Him as a w_____ (Num 22)
- e. Gideon conversed with Him without f_____ (Judges 6)

He is the f_____ of God

- A. Manoah's interaction with the angel of the LORD
 - 1. The angel of the LORD repeats what He had told the wife (vv. 13,14)
 - 2. Manoah wants to prepare a young g_____ and feed the angel of the LORD (v. 15)
 - 3. The angel of the LORD tells him to sacrifice it as a b_____ offering to the LORD (v. 16)
 - a. During the sacrifice the angel of the LORD enters the f_____ and goes up into the sky with the fire from the altar.
 - b. Manoah realizes that the man is the angel of the LORD and states, *we have seen* _____ (vv. 21,22)
- B. The angel of the Lord was the f_____ of God. If one saw the angel of the LORD, they were seeing God.
 - 1. After Jacob realized that he was wrestling with the angel of the LORD, he said, *I have seen God* _____ to _____ *yet my life has been preserved* (Gen 32:30)
 - 2. After Hagar realized with whom she was speaking, she called Him, God, and wondered why she did not d_____ (Gen 16:11-13).
 - 3. The angel of the LORD in the b_____ bush, speaks to Moses as the LORD, telling him to r_____ his sandals because he was standing on holy ground (Ex 3:2-4).
 - 4. The same warrior that appeared to Balaam appeared to Joshua (Josh 5:13-15).
 - a. Joshua fell down and w_____ Him.
 - b. The warrior did not c_____ Joshua but told him to remove his sandals because he was standing on holy ground.

Jesus is the angel of the LORD in actual f_____

- A. The words, *the angel of the Lord*, as referring to this Old Testament character, are not seen in the G_____ New Testament.
 - 1. Only one place has the words, *the angel of the Lord* (Matt 1:24), which is referring to *an angel of the Lord* that appeared to Joseph in verse 20.
 - 2. The translators of the KJV translate Matt 2:19 and Lk 1:11 as *an angel of the Lord*, but translate the SAME Greek phrase as *the angel of the Lord* (there is no "the" in the Greek text).
- B. Jesus is the face of God

1. Jn 14:9 – Jesus said, *If you've seen Me, you've seen the F_____*
 2. Jn 1:1,14,18 – Jesus is the W_____ who existed as God and became human to reveal God.
 3. Heb 1:3 – Jesus is the e_____ representation of God's being.
 4. Col 1:15 – Jesus is the i_____ of the invisible God.
 5. Col 2:9 – Jesus is fully God and fully man, yet one person.
- C. His name is w_____ (Judges 13:18)
1. Is 9:6 prophesies that the prophesied Christ's name will be called W_____.
 2. Manoah asked the angel of the LORD for His name.
 - a. Translations vary:
 - 1) NASB – seeing it is wonderful
 - 2) KJV – seeing it is secret
 - 3) NIV – it is beyond understanding
 - 4) NLT – it is too wonderful for you to understand
 - b. The Hebrew word in Is 9:6 and Judges 13:18 are the same. A literal word for word rendering of the Hebrew is as follows: *and it [is] wonderful.*
 - 1) The word, *it*, refers to the name.
 - 2) There is no verb and so the word, *is*, is understood. That is why I put it in brackets.
 - 3) So the angel of the LORD is saying, *My name is wonderful.*
 3. Jesus is the angel of the LORD in actual human flesh.

Conclusion:

- A. Many are trying to contact the wrong spirit world (Matt 25:41):
 1. By w_____ (e.g. séances, praying to dead people)
 2. By f_____ and meditation.
- B. Jesus is the only link between God's Spirit and human beings
 1. In our natural state we are spiritually d_____ because of our sins and so are separated from God (Eph 2:1)
 2. Jesus said that He is the o_____ way to be connected with God (Jn 14:6)
 3. When we turn from sin and turn to faith in Jesus, our spirit is j_____ with His Spirit (1 Cor 6:17; Eph 2:5).
- C. There is only one mediator, connection, between God and human beings - _____
 1. Are you connected?
 2. Are you presenting Him to others as THE connection?