

A man with a blindfold, representing Samson, stands in a cave. He is shirtless, wearing a brown loincloth, and has a determined expression. He is positioned between two large, textured stone pillars. The background is a dark, blueish-green light. The overall scene is dramatic and evocative of the biblical story of Samson.

The Message to Samson's Parents

Judges 13, Hebrews 11:32

Samson's Parents

- Samson's mother was not able to have children.
- Samson's mother stayed true to the worship of Israel's God.
- Manoah was not only a man of faith but a believing husband.
- Manoah prayed to the LORD so they would receive guidance on how best to raise their promised child.
- God Himself did not speak to Manoah or his wife but sent His Angel.
- Manoah's wife was instructed to abstain from anything that comes from the grapevine, any fermented drink, and any unclean thing.

The Angel of the LORD

- One of the customs in the Old Testament was to offer food to a guest.
- The *“Man of God”* instructed them to make it *“a burnt offering”* to the LORD.
- Manoah sacrificed a young goat and offered a grain offering to the Lord.
- *The “Man of God”* ascended to Heaven in the flame of the offering.
- Manoah and his wife realized that they had seen the Angel of the LORD.

Inspiration

- Manoah and his wife were scared for their lives.
- Only a few people have ever heard God speak to them in an audible voice.
- Manoah's wife not only believed the words of the LORD but also spoke peace to her husband without making him feel bad or unworthy.
- Manoah's wife named the baby Samson which means "little sun."

Conclusion

- **Samson is an excellent example of how God uses the weak things of the world to confound the wise.**
- **God wants to pour His spirit into us.**
- **God does not want us to rely upon our own strength.**
- **We have the ability to stay connected to God.**
- **Called to deliver Israel, Samson never did any delivering, because he never delivered himself.**