

A Child of Great Promise

Judges 13: 1-5

Family reunion Family tree Adam and Eve small tree!

Babies innocent babies cute, cuddly little babies

4 chapters devoted to Samson, one of the most famous

Old Testament characters Hebrews 11:32-33!

Judges=Deliverers Israel spiraling down into a moral abyss.

Our country spiraling down casino world- -moral abyss

But there is no deliverer.

Family and children hardest hit

Only God can meet our needs! We need revival!

*******THE PEOPLE NEEDED THE CHILD.**

Israelites “Did evil in the eyes of the Lord - - In His face.

Compromising, inconsistent life - -worldly neighbors

False worship - - rejected God

40 years of Philistine oppression longest in Judges

God had no choice - -chastisement essential.

Bring people to their senses - - to their knees.

*******The Child came special Delivery**

God promised to send a very special deliverer.

This deliverer would be set apart for life.

Manoah and wife – no children – barren – humiliation

TRUE BELIEVERS Felt they were not pleasing God-

The Lord stepped in A miracle son! Manoah Did not

believe – overwhelmed – “Angel must tell me!”

To his surprise, the angel did. The message from “I AM.”

Confirmed the instruction.

******* The child came with special power and commitment.**

Special instructions to mother. No alcohol,

no unclean food, no haircuts

this child a Nazirite set apart to God

Special mission – all of his life.

A privilege to serve

His responsibilities: Abstain from all intoxicating drink,

Abstain from all unclean food,

Never cut hair, never be near a dead body- not even his family.

*******The Child Came to a special family**

Manoah and his wife to show gratitude to God offered:

A meal for messenger

Would he accept a burnt offering?

Heavenly messenger ascended in heaven in the very flame.

Couple fell to ground – overwhelmed

Then fear struck Manoah

Child born - Samson = brightness, sunshine.

-To erase the darkness

-Great hope

-Spirit of the Lord began to stir in Samson

-Appointed to be a Judge!