

THE TRUE KING REIGNS *Part 11*

Samson Part 1: Dedicated to the LORD

Judges Chapter 13 | Pastor Tony Shen | August 9, 2020

I. Introduction

A. The Cycle of God's Grace and Israel's Infidelity

B. Here We Go Again (13:1)

II. Here Comes the Sun (13:2-24)

A. Divine Conception (13:2-3)

B. Divine Dedication (13:4-7)

Numbers 6:1-8

Luke 1:12-17

Acts 18:18

C. Daddy Envy and Divine Emphasis (13:8-14)

D. Daddy Flubs and Divine Snubs (13:15-24a)

E. Divine Blessing and Divine Power (13:24b-25)

III. Here Comes the Son

God is sovereign, powerful, and gracious.

Jesus is the better Samson who has won the complete victory.

Therefore, let us dedicate ourselves to God and Christ.

Reflect, Discuss & Apply the Sermon

1. Manoah didn't know the LORD, and he didn't know the word of God. Discuss how important it is to you to know the LORD through reading His word. Encourage one another: read your Bible, pray every day, and you'll grow, grow, grow.
2. Samson was dedicated to God from the beginning; "the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb" (13:5). At DRC, we also dedicate our children to God. Have you witnessed a baby dedication? If you are a parent, have you dedicated your children?
<https://www.delreychurch.com/what-we-do/special-services/baby-dedication>
3. A DRC baby dedication is a commitment by the parents, but it is not a saving act. When the child is old enough, he or she needs to make his or her own decision to receive Christ as his or her Savior. What must one do to be saved? See Acts 16:31.
4. Turning from children, let's talk about ourselves. How strongly are we dedicated to God? Take a moment to reflect on yourself and others in your group. Affirm one another in how you see God working in each other's lives. Share ways in which you feel you are falling short of being fully dedicated. List one step you will take between this week and next week to be more dedicated. Encourage and pray for one another. May the LORD bless you and may the Spirit of the LORD stir in you (Judges 13:24-25).

5. The mission of the church is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and be disciples of Jesus Christ who make more disciples. In addition to your personal dedication step, name one person that you will either share the Gospel with this week, or engage in discipleship this week. Write it down and ask each other about it the next time you gather.

6. Read Judges 14 and 15 together to prepare your minds and hearts for next week's sermon. Pray for one another.