



Manoah's Wife – Woman of No Name

Lesson 11

This week we will look into the life of a woman mentioned in the Old Testament book of Judges. She is a woman with no specific name and only known as the wife of Manoah. One might ask why this woman, the mother of Samson, who was never given a name in the scriptures, would be considered worthy of study. The answer lies in the wonderful fact that she was a woman that God reached in a very personal way. We do know that she was childless until she received a divine announcement to tell her she was going to conceive a son who would deliver God's people out of the hand of their enemy - the Philistines. Here's a woman considered insignificant and yet God sees her commitment and willingness to trust Him and uses her to bring forth Samson. Whether you are married or single, with children or without, her story is beautiful and demonstrates the love and power of God. Rest assured God knows your personal circumstances and hears your heart's cries!

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week's Scripture: Judges 13:1-14

Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years. ²Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children. ³And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. ⁵For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his

head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”⁶ So the woman came and told her husband, saying, “A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name.”⁷ And He said to me, ‘Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.’”⁸ Then Manoah prayed to the LORD, and said, “O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born.”⁹ And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her.¹⁰ Then the woman ran in haste and told her husband, and said to him, “Look, the Man who came to me the other day has just now appeared to me!”¹¹ So Manoah arose and followed his wife. When he came to the Man, he said to Him, “Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?” And He said, “I am.”¹² Manoah said, “Now let Your words come to pass! What will be the boy’s rule of life, and his work?”¹³ So the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful.¹⁴ She may not eat anything that comes from the vine, nor may she drink wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean. All that I commanded her let her observe.” (Should you want further information regarding Manoah’s wife, please read the entire 13th chapter of Judges.)

This Week’s Memory Verse:

Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.
1 Peter 5:7(NLT)

1. Understanding God’s love and care for you is very important in the life of the believer. What does Philippians 4:19 tell us about how God cares for each one of us? _____

2. Truly trusting in God’s care can be difficult for us at times. Read Psalm 50:7-12 and note the riches of our God and how we can trust Him for all our needs. _____

3. And finally we come to simply trusting in God and His word. What three actions does Proverbs 3:5-6 tell us to do and what is the result?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. Result? _____

Reflect and Respond – We have all heard of the story of Samson; the incredibly strong man that was blinded, but still brought down the Philistines. However not much is said about his mother, only known as Manoah’s wife; a woman whom God loved and cared for. Often we feel that God doesn’t care what we are going through and we don’t feel God is close. But be assured of His promises! He says; “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” (Hebrews 13:5b NLT). Do you trust in this truth? Why or why not? _____

Result – Consider today’s bible study lecture. What one lesson will you take away from this study and apply to your walk with the Lord? _____
