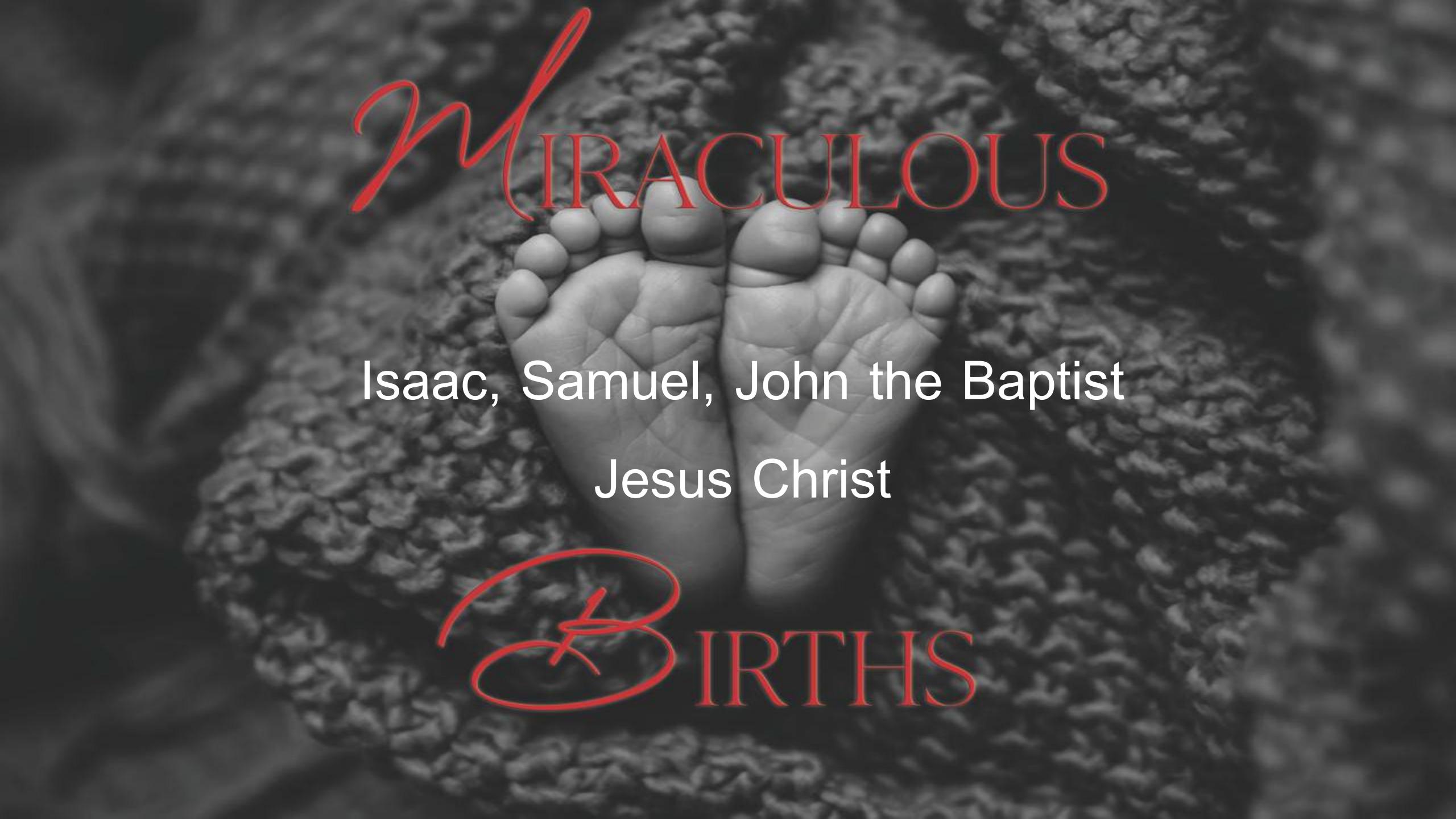


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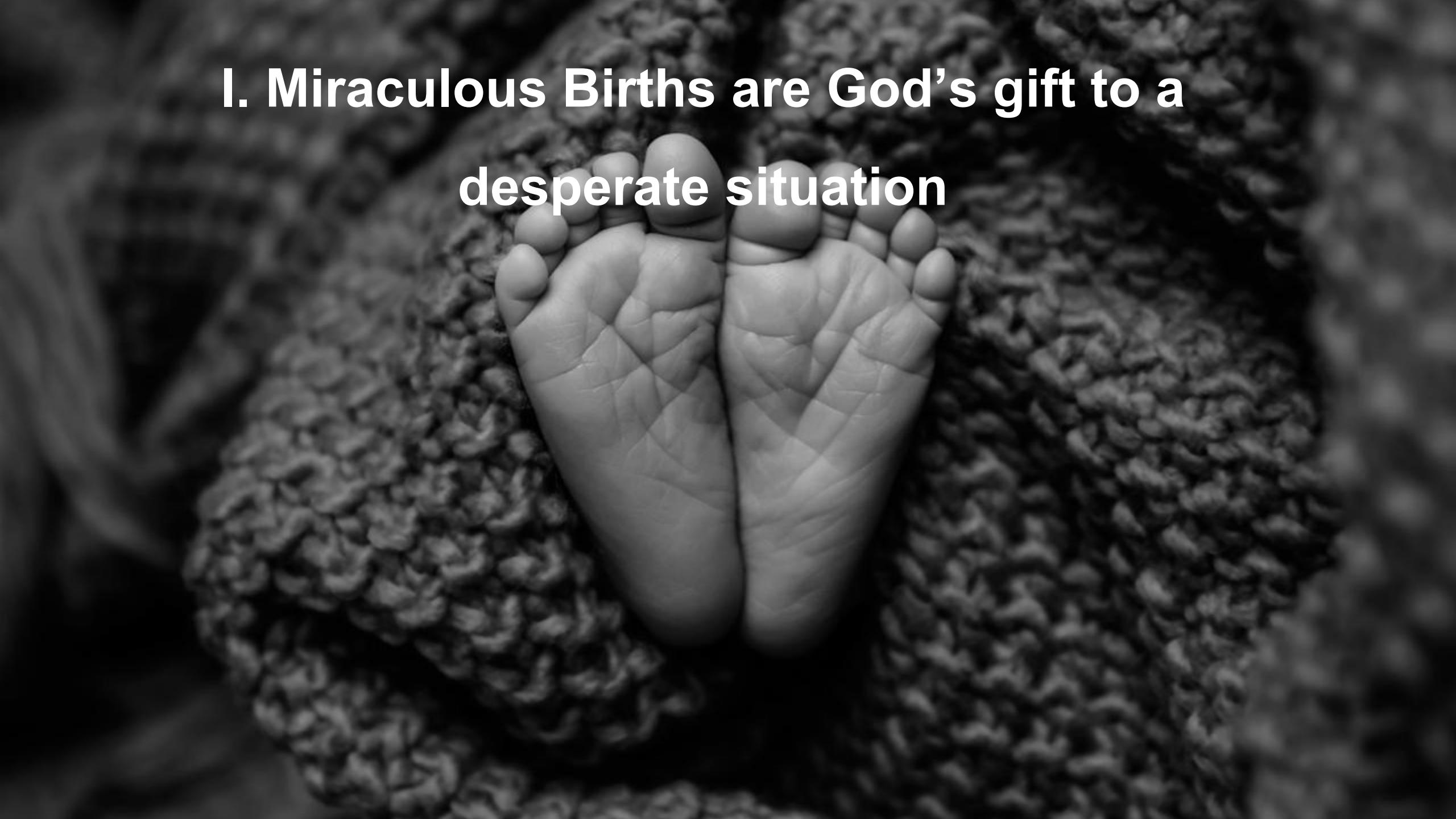
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# Miraculous Births

## Samson—Judges 13:1-25

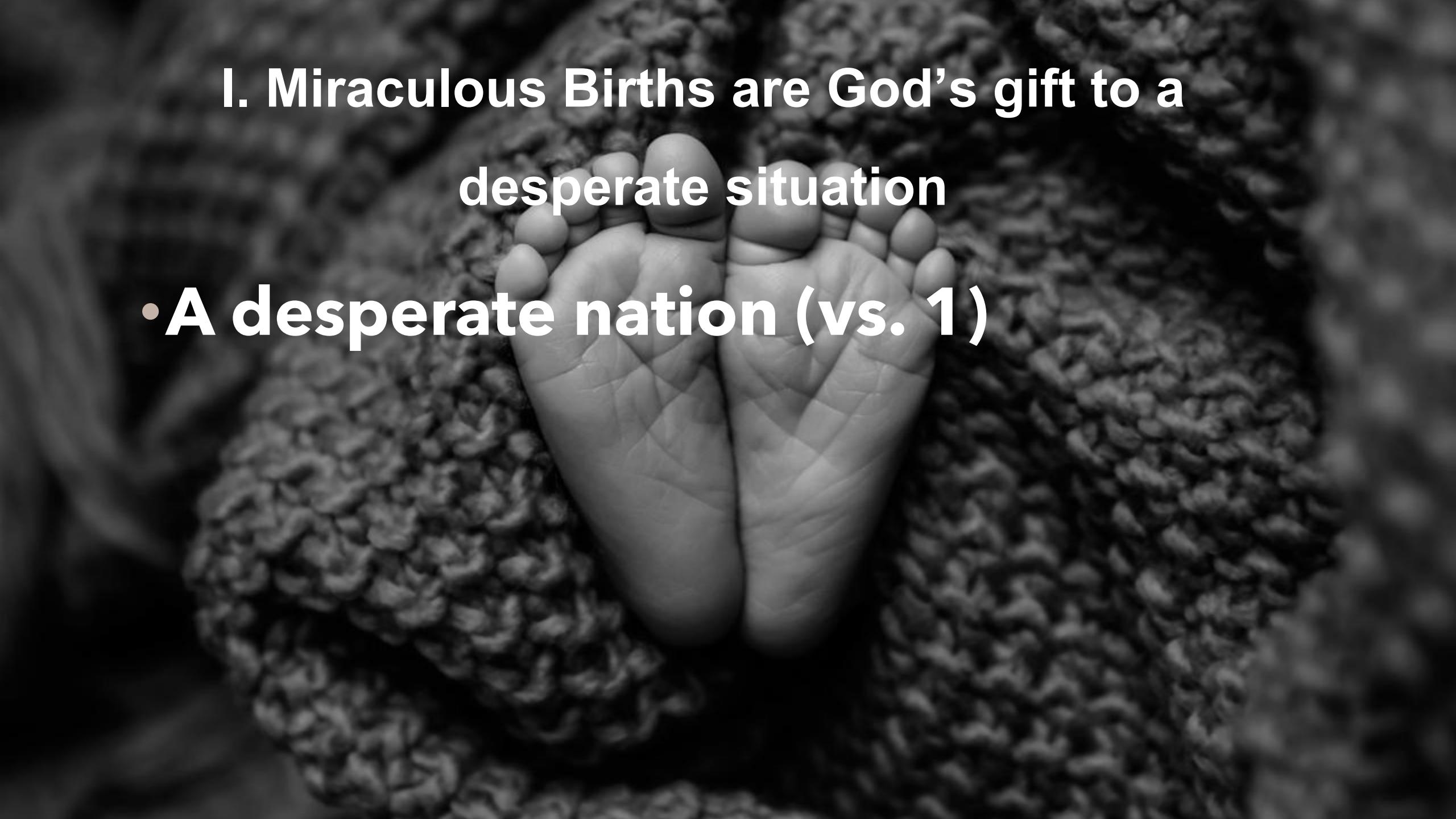


# I. Miraculous Births are God's gift to a desperate situation



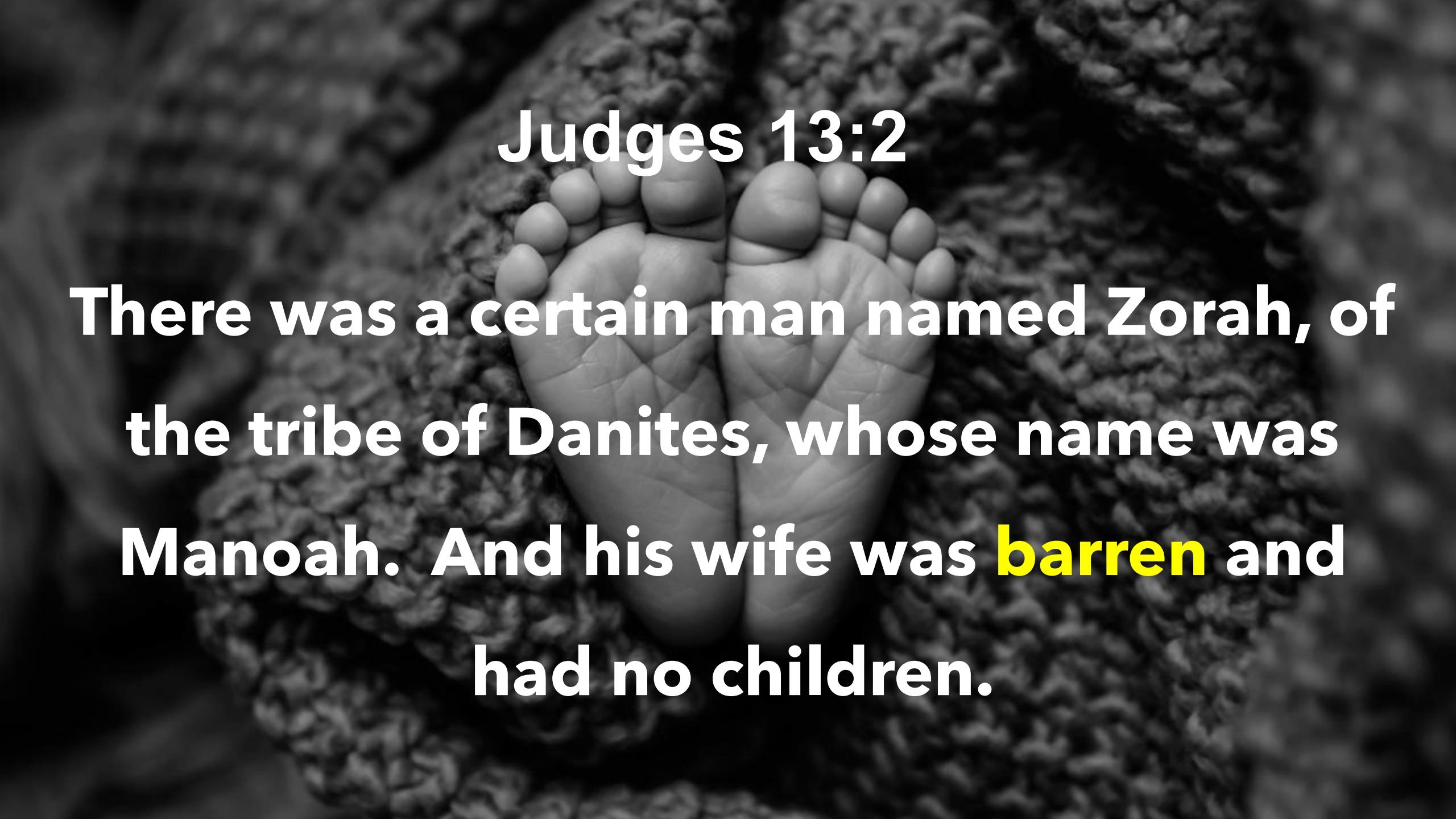
## Judges 13:1

**And the people of Israel **again** did what  
was evil in the sight of the **LORD**, so the  
**LORD** gave them into the hand of the  
**Philistines** for forty years.**



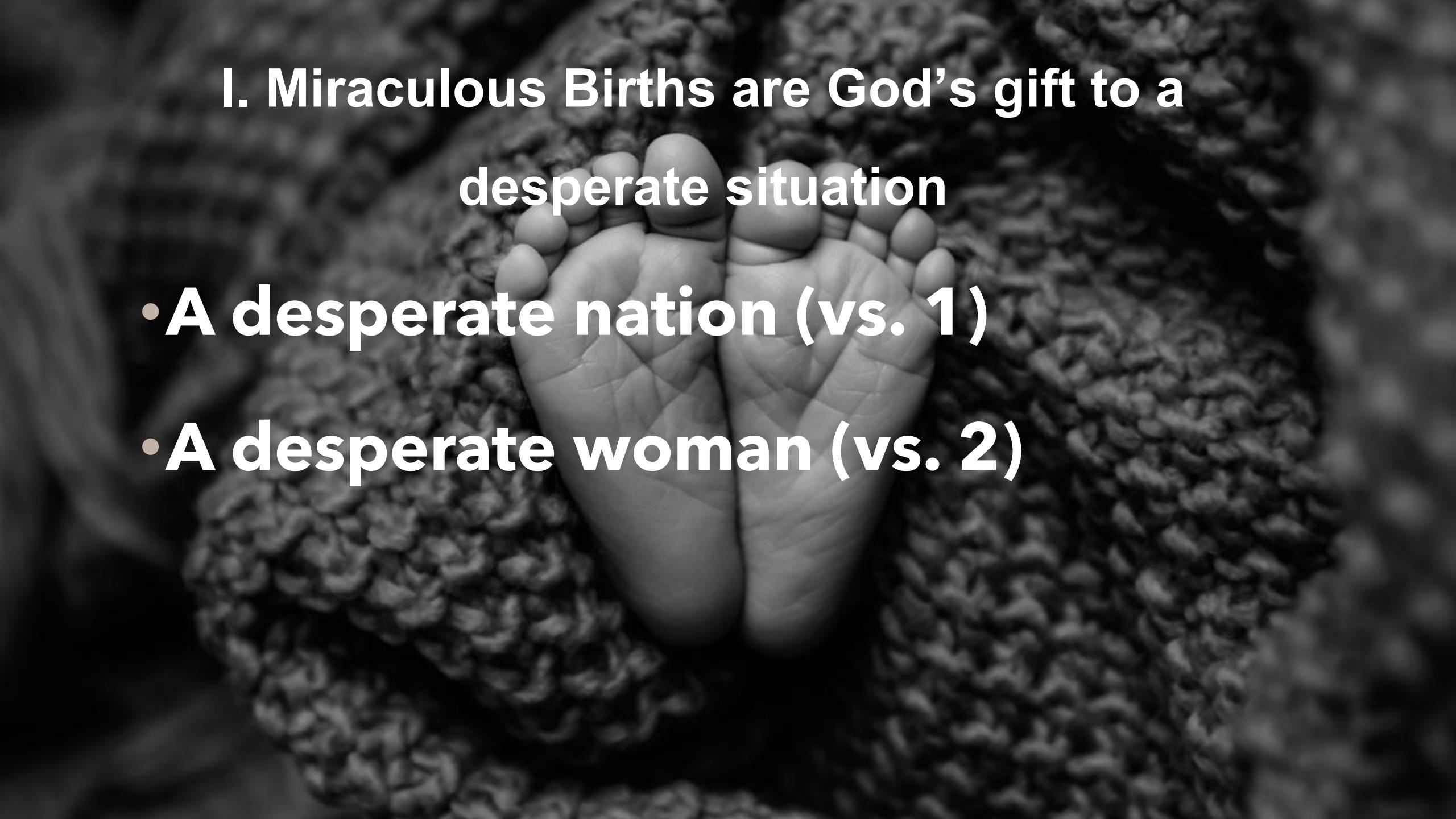
## I. Miraculous Births are God's gift to a desperate situation

- **A desperate nation (vs. 1)**



## Judges 13:2

There was a certain man named Zorah, of the tribe of Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was **barren** and had no children.



## I. Miraculous Births are God's gift to a desperate situation

- **A desperate nation (vs. 1)**
- **A desperate woman (vs. 2)**



Judges 13:3

And the angel of the LORD appeared to  
the woman and said to her,



II. Miraculous Births follow an extraordinary  
announcement

- **Extraordinary Messenger (3)**



## Judges 13:3-4

**And the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, “Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son.**

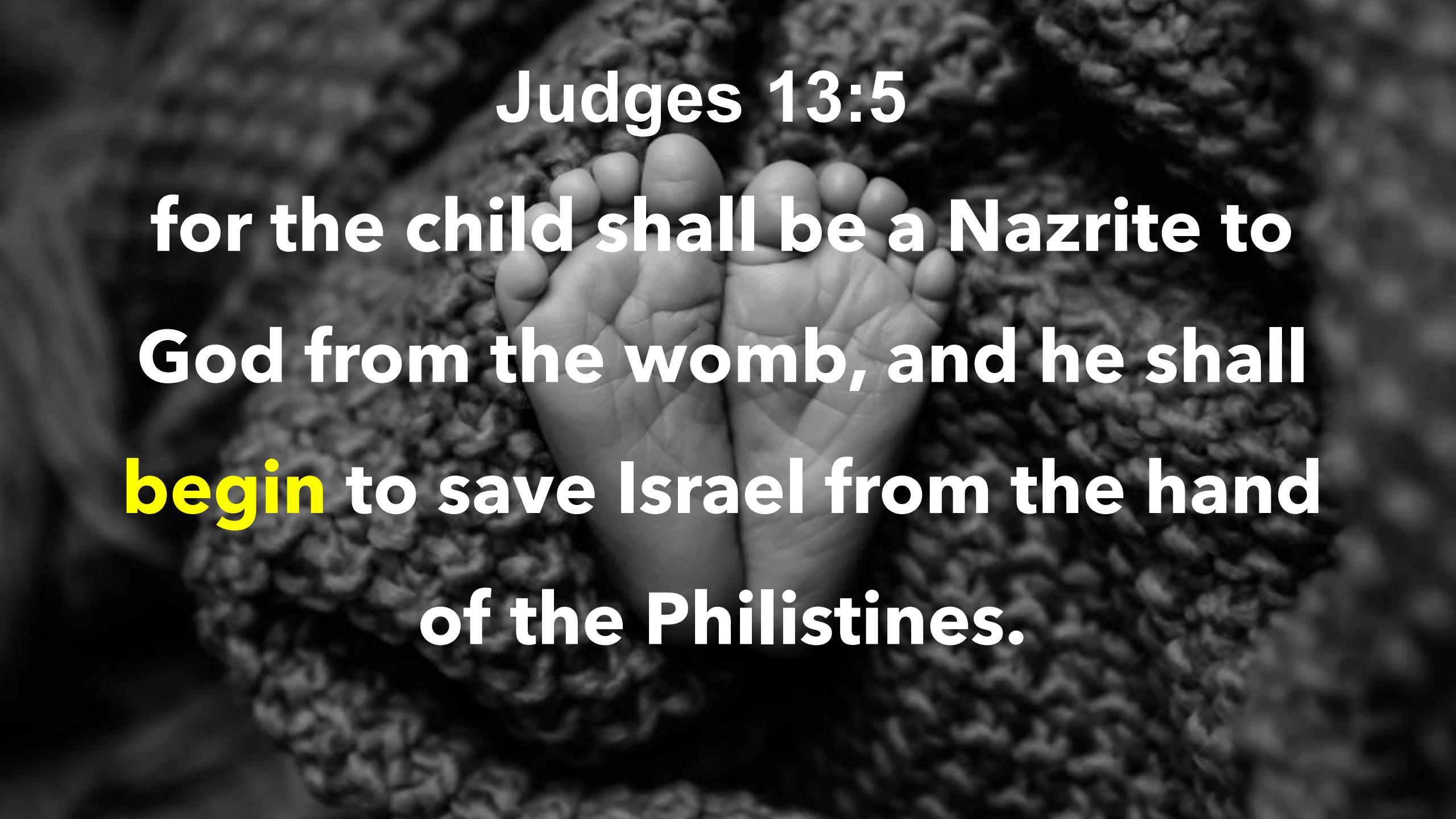
# Judges 13:4-5

Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a **Nazrite** to God from the womb,



## II. Miraculous Births follow an extraordinary announcement

- **Extraordinary Messenger (3)**
- **Extraordinary Message (3-5)**



Judges 13:5

for the child shall be a Nazrite to  
God from the womb, and he shall  
**begin** to save Israel from the hand  
of the Philistines.



## II. Miraculous Births follow an extraordinary announcement

- **Extraordinary Messenger (3)**
- **Extraordinary Message (3-4)**
- **Extraordinary Mission (5)**

## Judges 13:6-7

Then the woman came and told her husband, "A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, **very awesome**. I did not ask him where he was from, and he did not tell me his name, but he said to me,

## Judges 13:6-7

**“Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be a Nazrite to God from the womb to the day of his death.”**



## II. Miraculous Births follow an extraordinary announcement

- Extraordinary Messenger (3)
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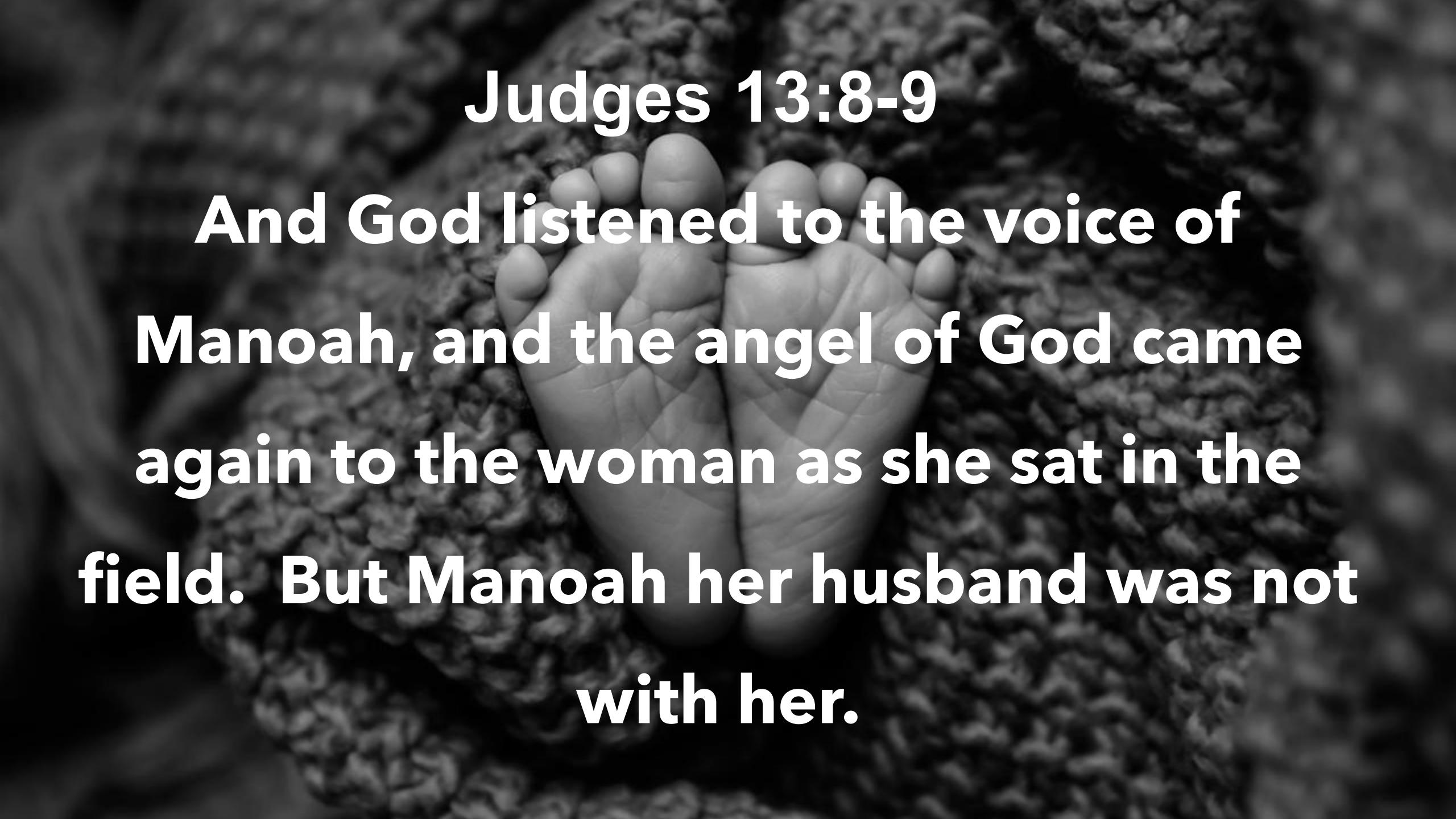


### III. Extraordinary announcements create questions within us

- **Seek God first in prayer for answers (8-9)**

## Judges 13:8-9

Then Manoah **prayed** to the LORD and said, “O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born.



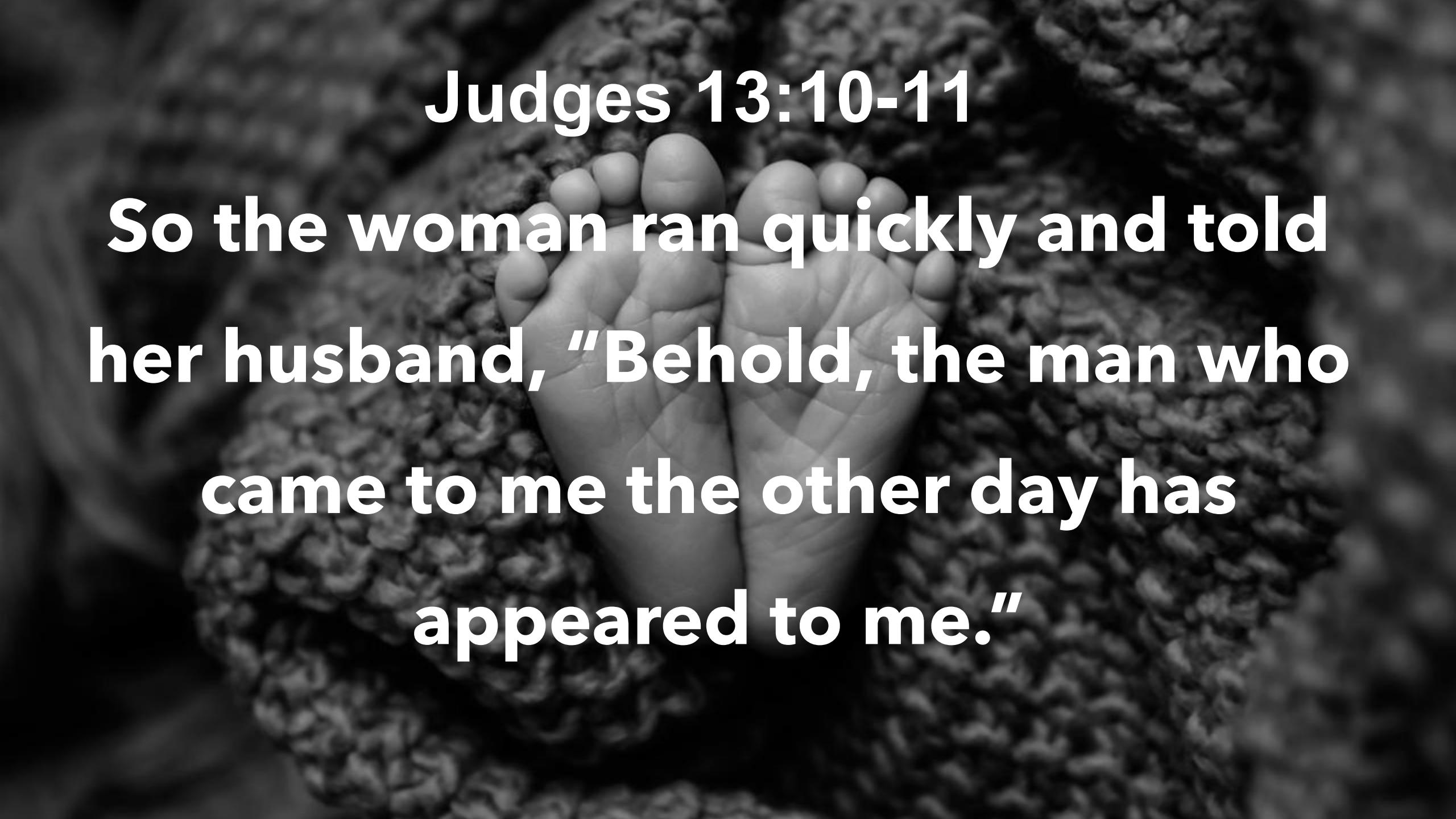
Judges 13:8-9

**And God listened to the voice of  
Manoah, and the angel of God came  
again to the woman as she sat in the  
field. But Manoah her husband was not  
with her.**



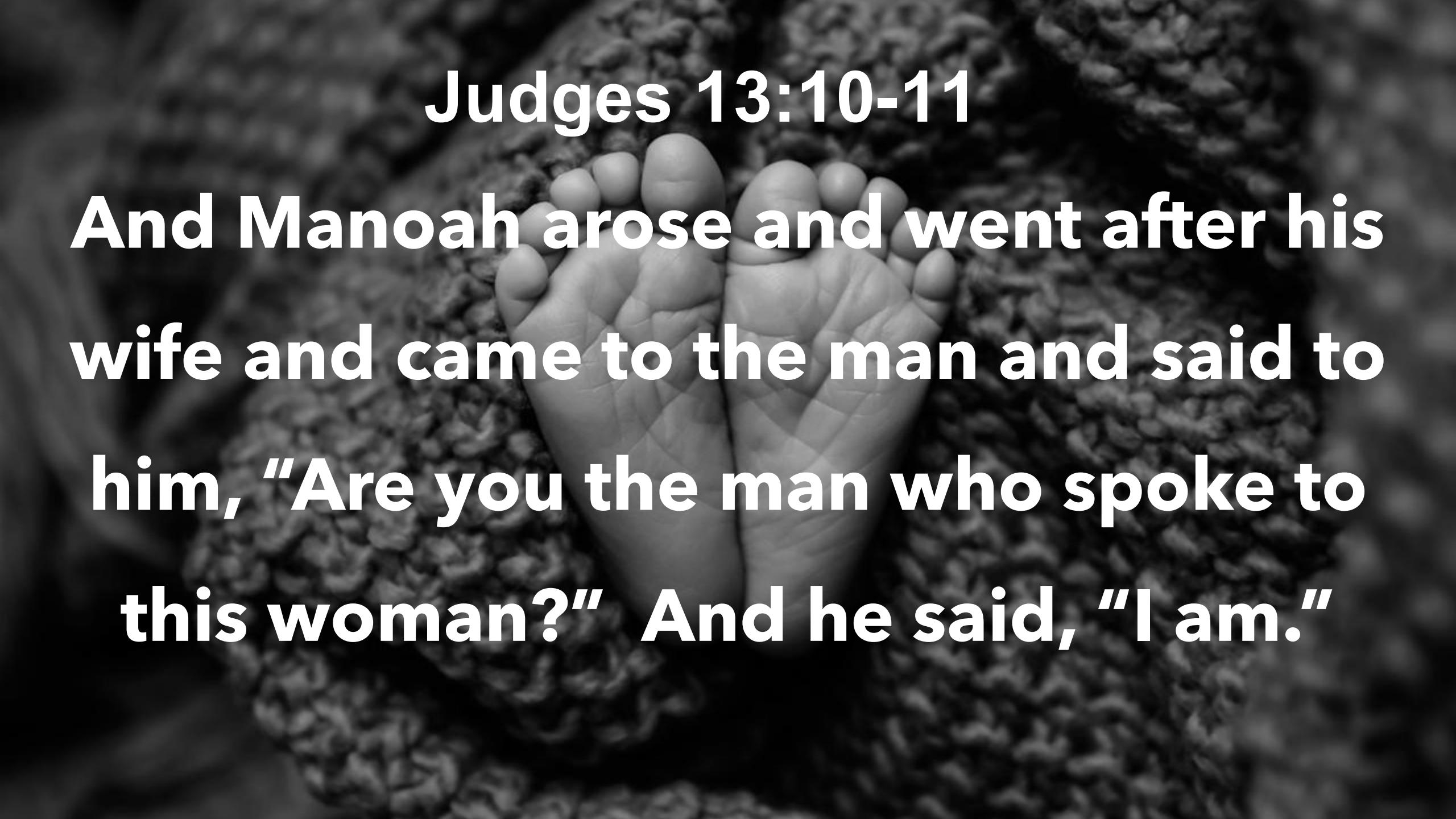
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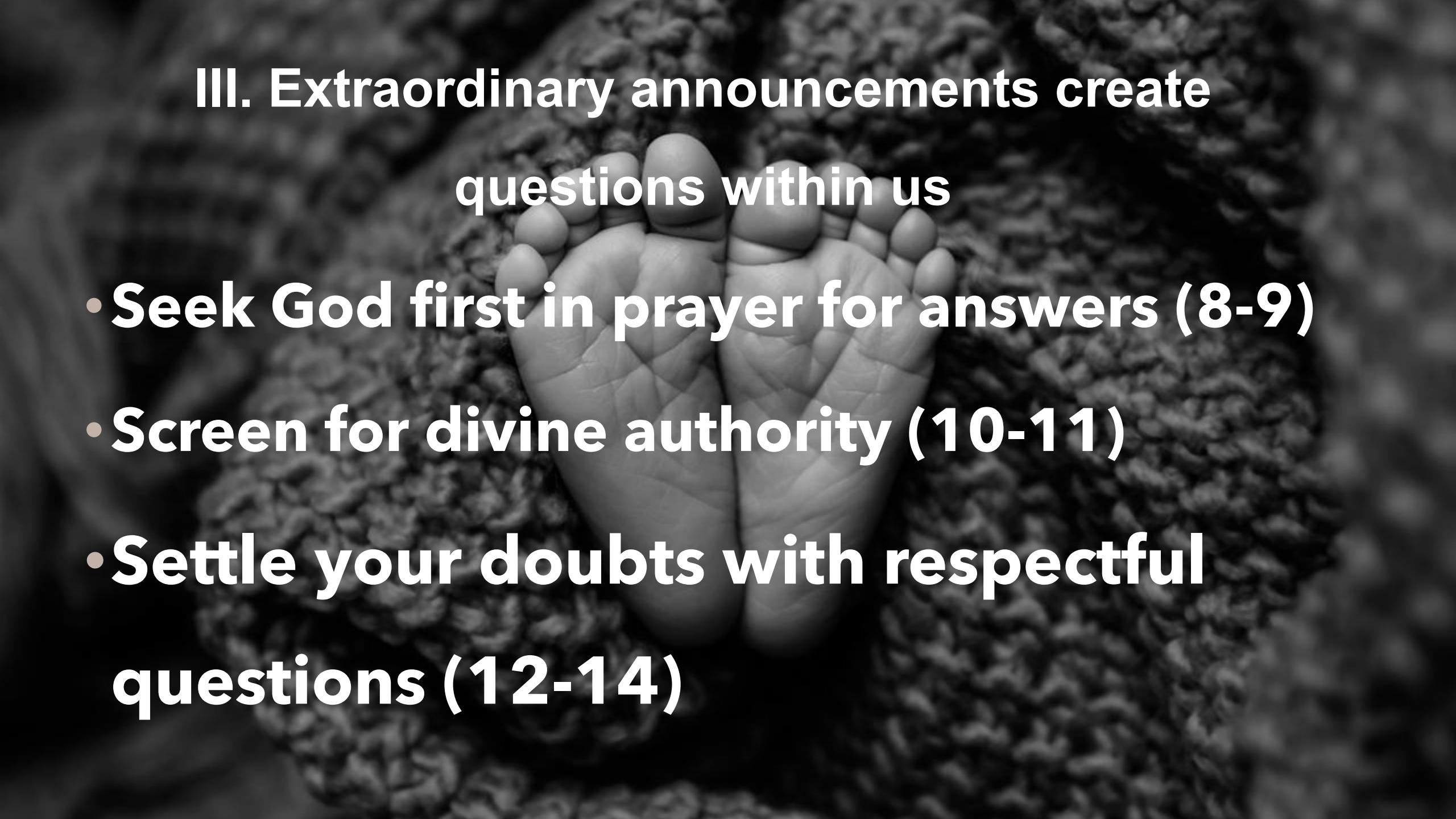
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**So the woman ran quickly and told  
her husband, "Behold, the man who  
came to me the other day has  
appeared to me."**



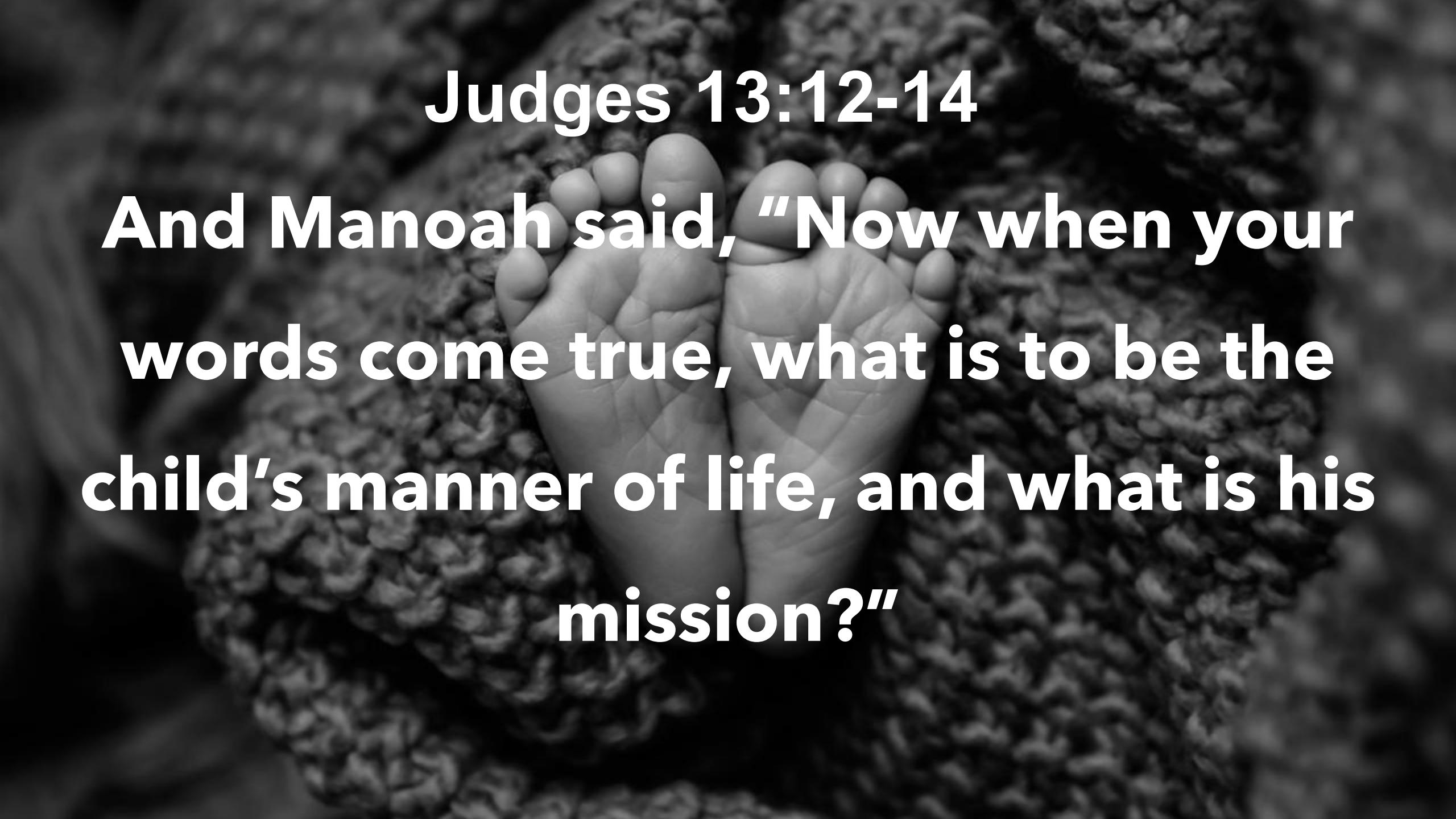
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**And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said to him, “Are you the man who spoke to this woman?” And he said, “I am.”**



### III. Extraordinary announcements create questions within us

- **Seek God first in prayer for answers (8-9)**
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- **Settle your doubts with respectful  
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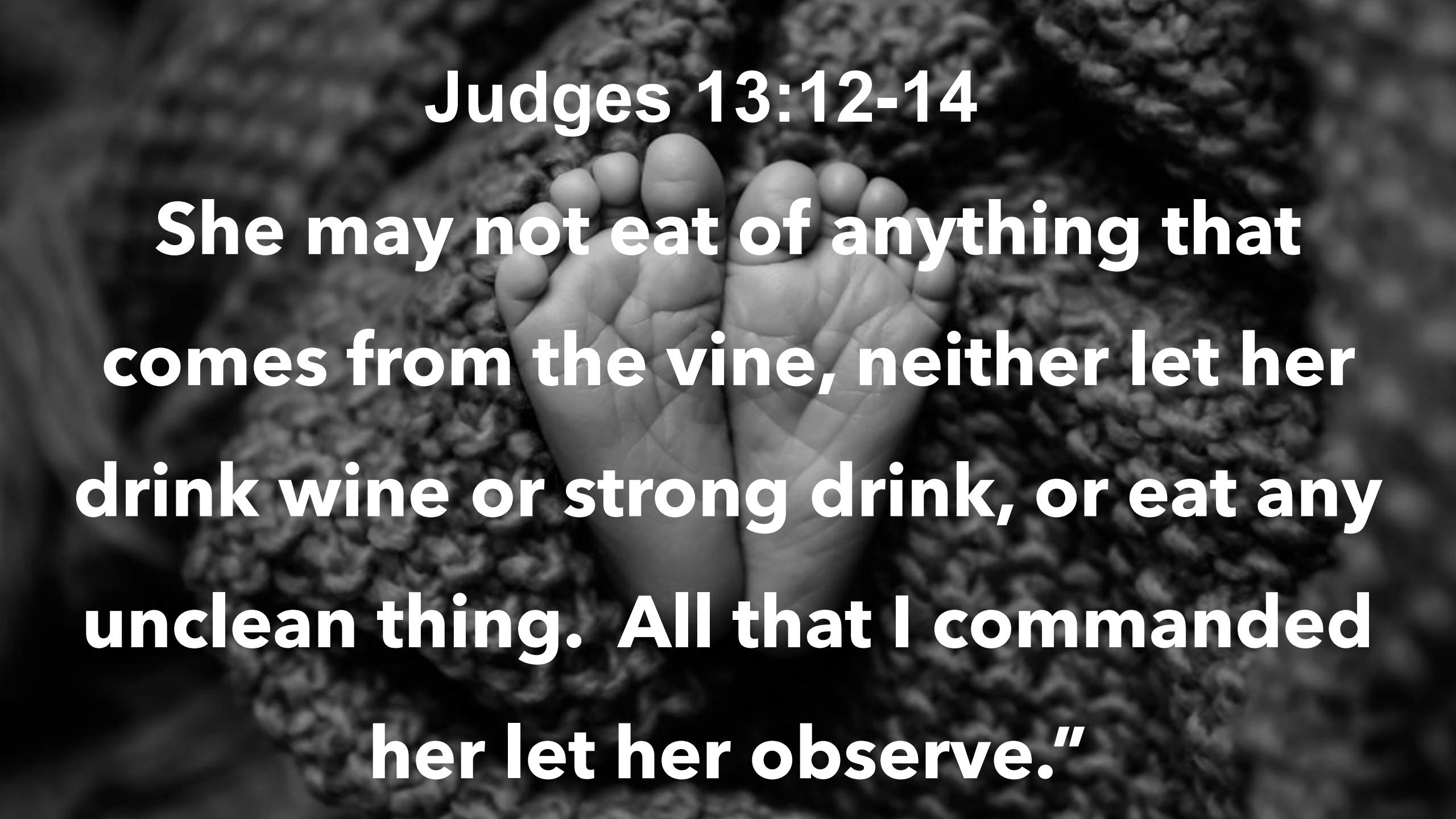
Judges 13:12-14

**And Manoah said, "Now when your  
words come true, what is to be the  
child's manner of life, and what is his  
mission?"**



Judges 13:12-14

**And the angel of the LORD said to  
Manoah, "Of all that I said to the  
woman let her be careful.**



Judges 13:12-14

**She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe.”**

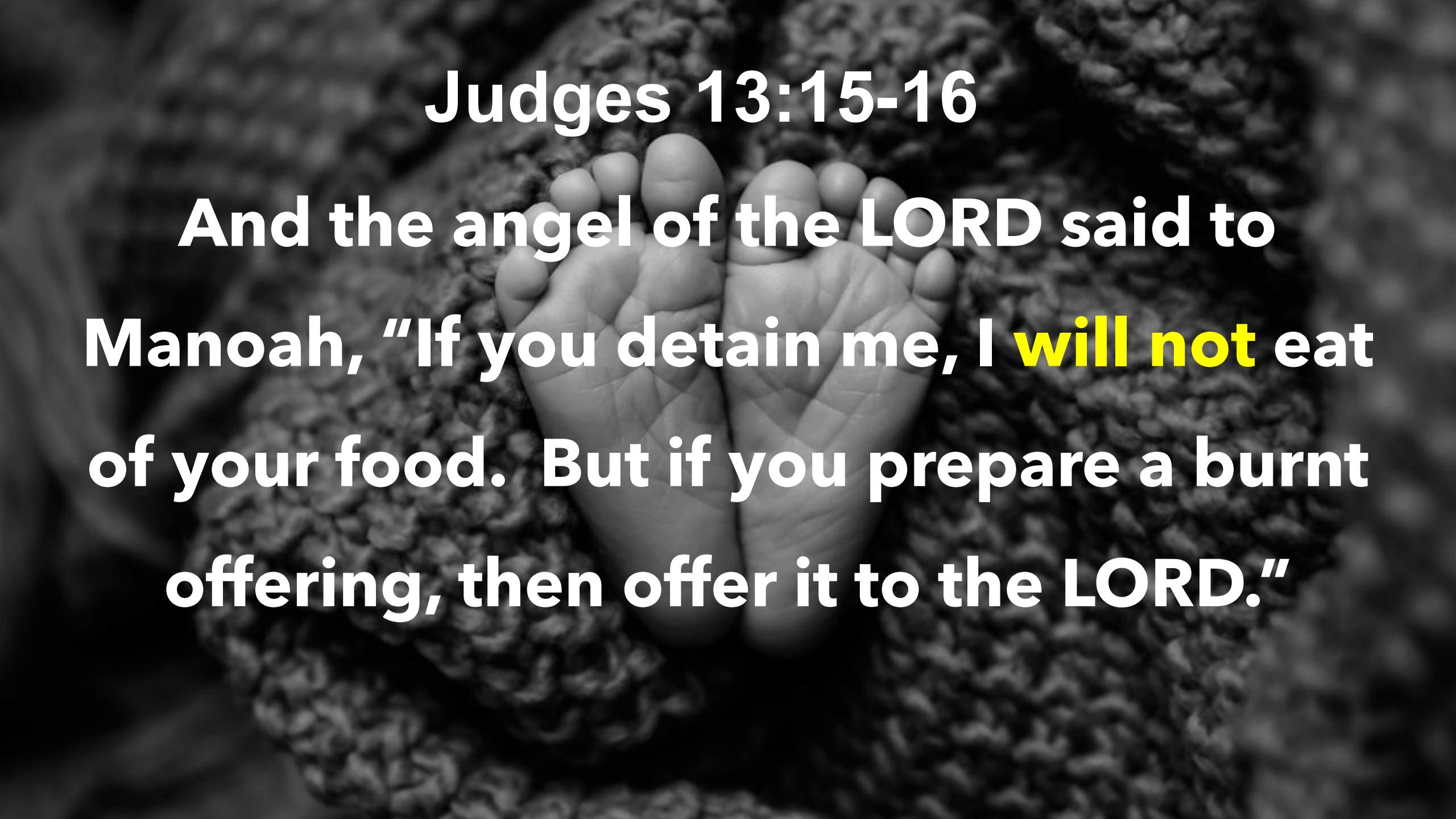
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- **Faith means we can't control  
everything(15-16)**



Judges 13:15-16

**Manoah said to the angel of the  
LORD, “Please let us detain you and  
prepare a young goat for you.”**



## Judges 13:15-16

**And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “If you detain me, I will not eat of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD.”**

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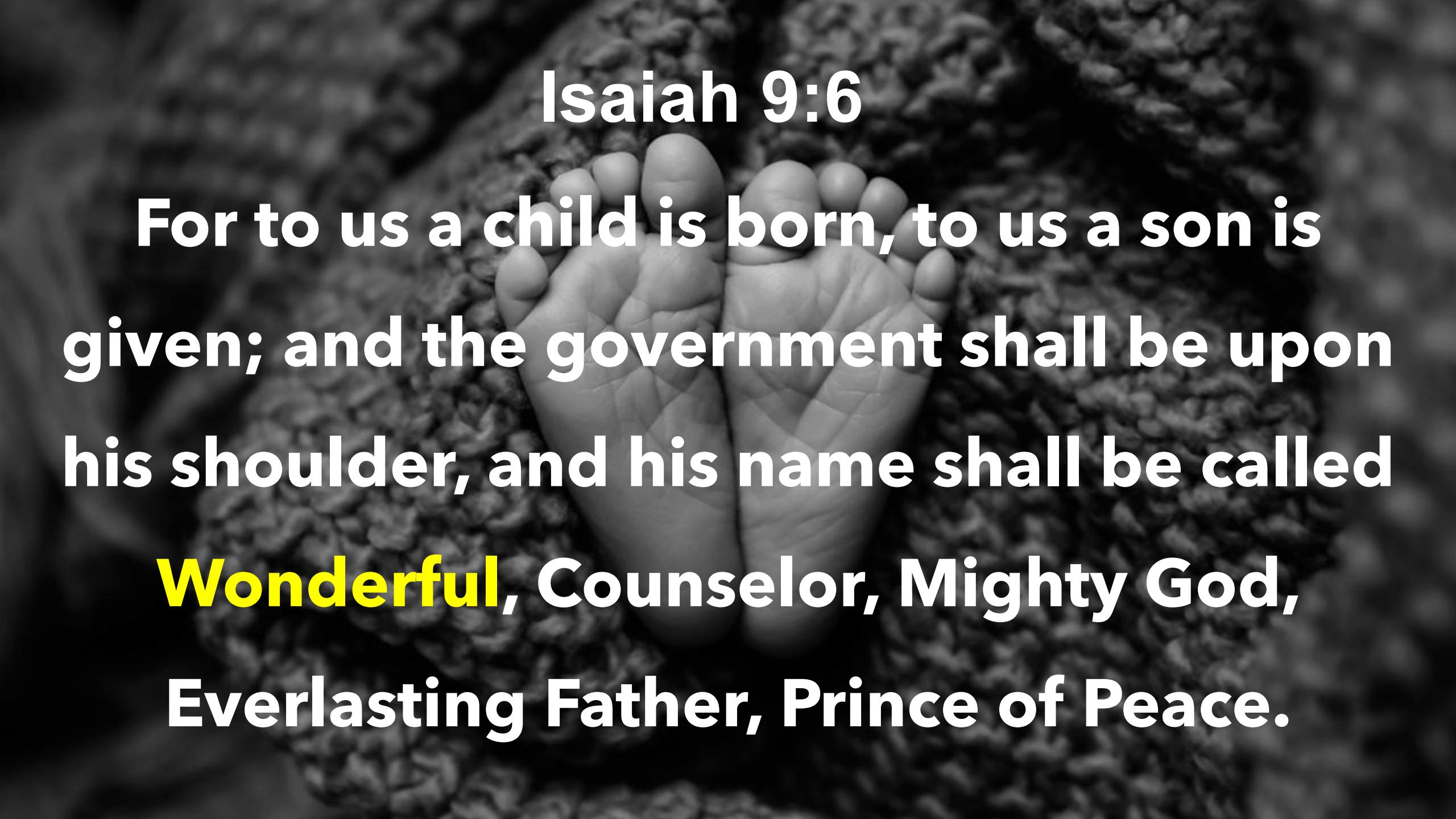
## Judges 13:16-20

(For Manoah did **not know** that he was the angel of the LORD.). And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “What is your name, so that, when your words come true we may honor you?”



Judges 13:16-20

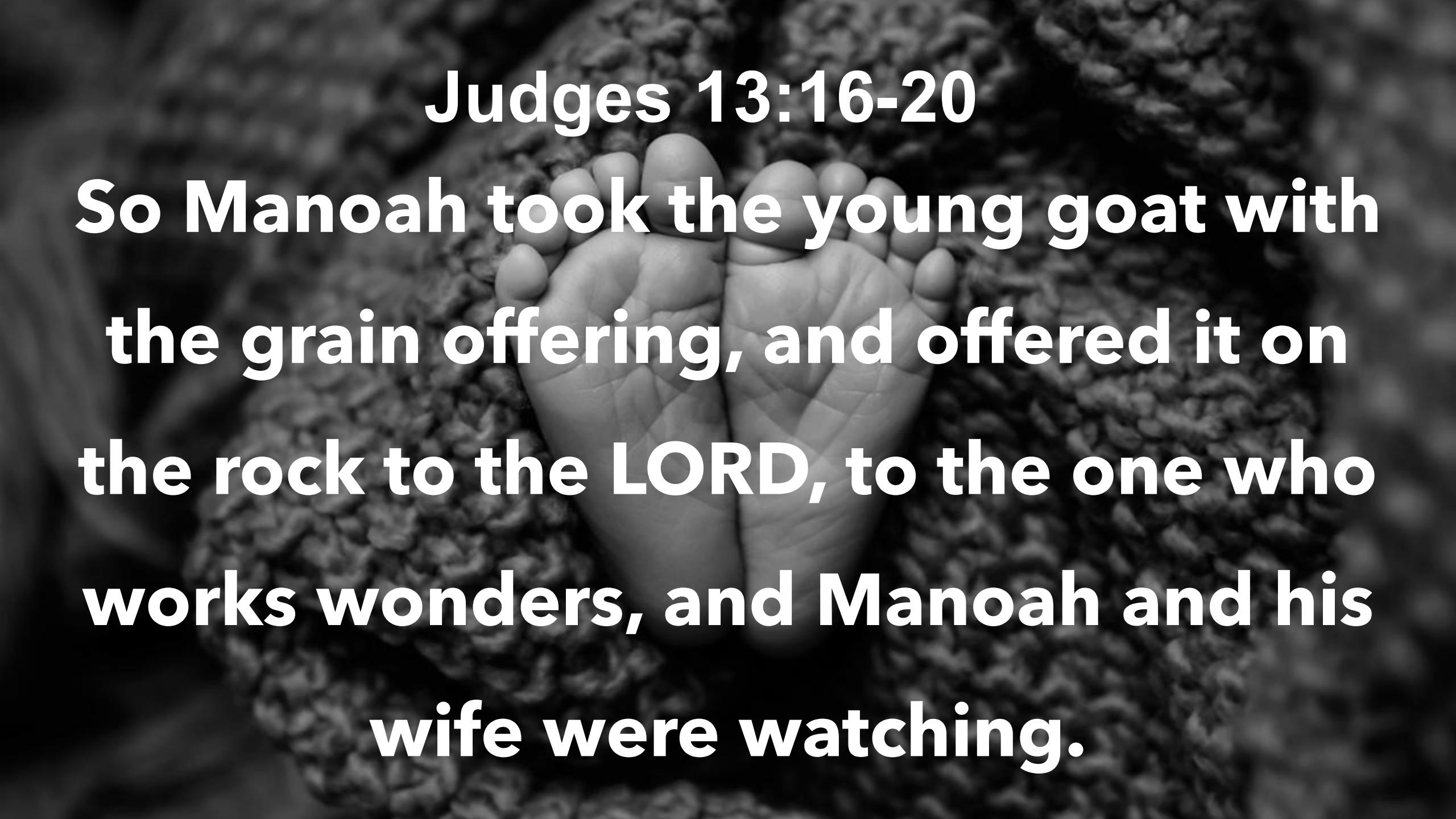
**And the angel of the LORD said to him,  
“Why do you ask my name seeing that is  
wonderful?”**



Isaiah 9:6

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called**

**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**



Judges 13:16-20

**So Manoah took the young goat with  
the grain offering, and offered it on  
the rock to the LORD, to the one who  
works wonders, and Manoah and his  
wife were watching.**

Judges 13:16-20

And when the flame went up toward  
heaven from the altar, the angel of the  
LORD **went up** in the flame of the altar.  
Now Manoah and his wife were watching,  
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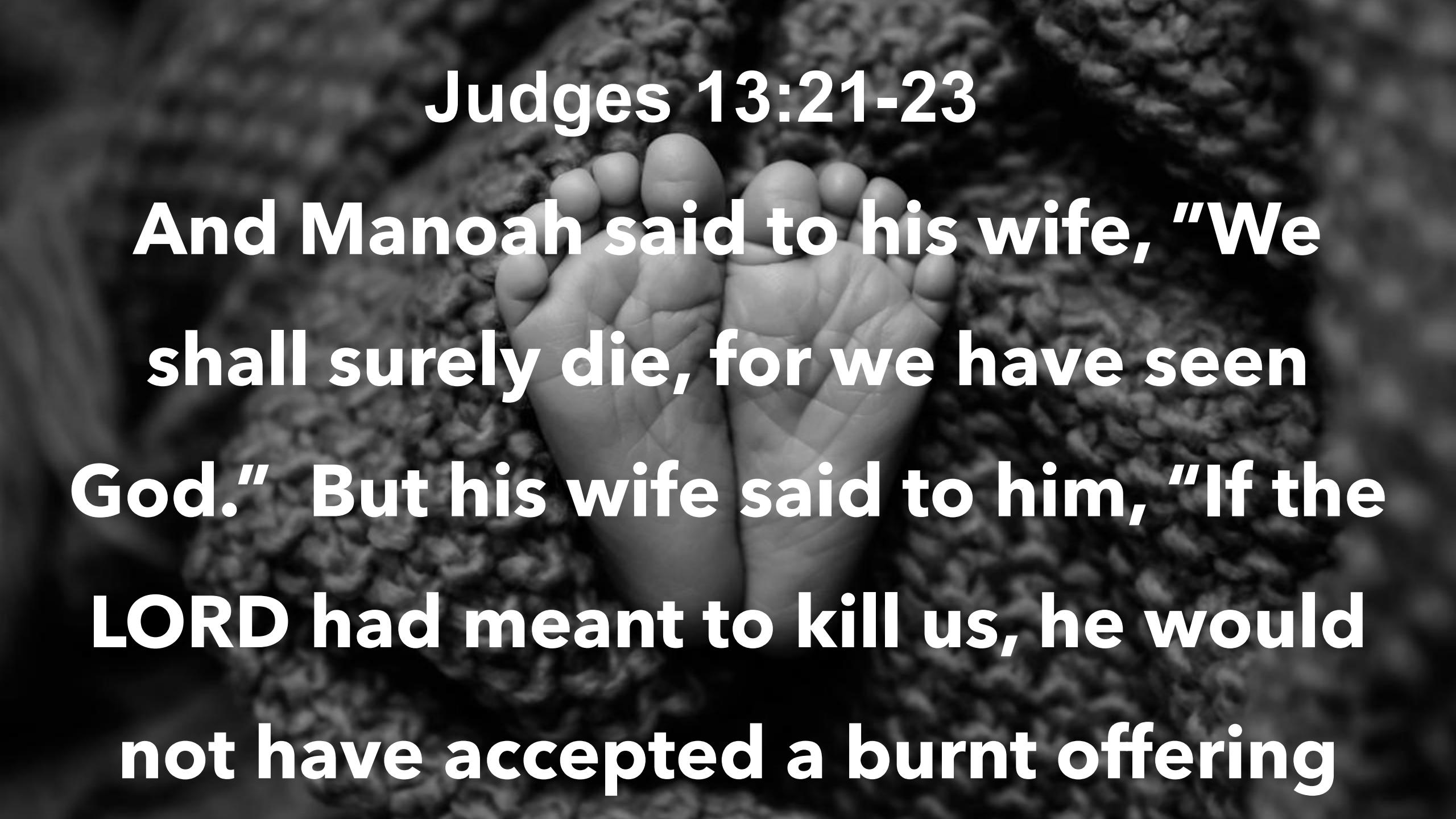
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- **Faith comes greater to some than to others.  
(21-23)**

Judges 13:21-23

The angel of the LORD appeared no  
more to Manoah and to his wife.

**Then** Manoah knew that he was the  
angel of the LORD.



## Judges 13:21-23

**And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, for we have seen God."** But his wife said to him, **"If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering**

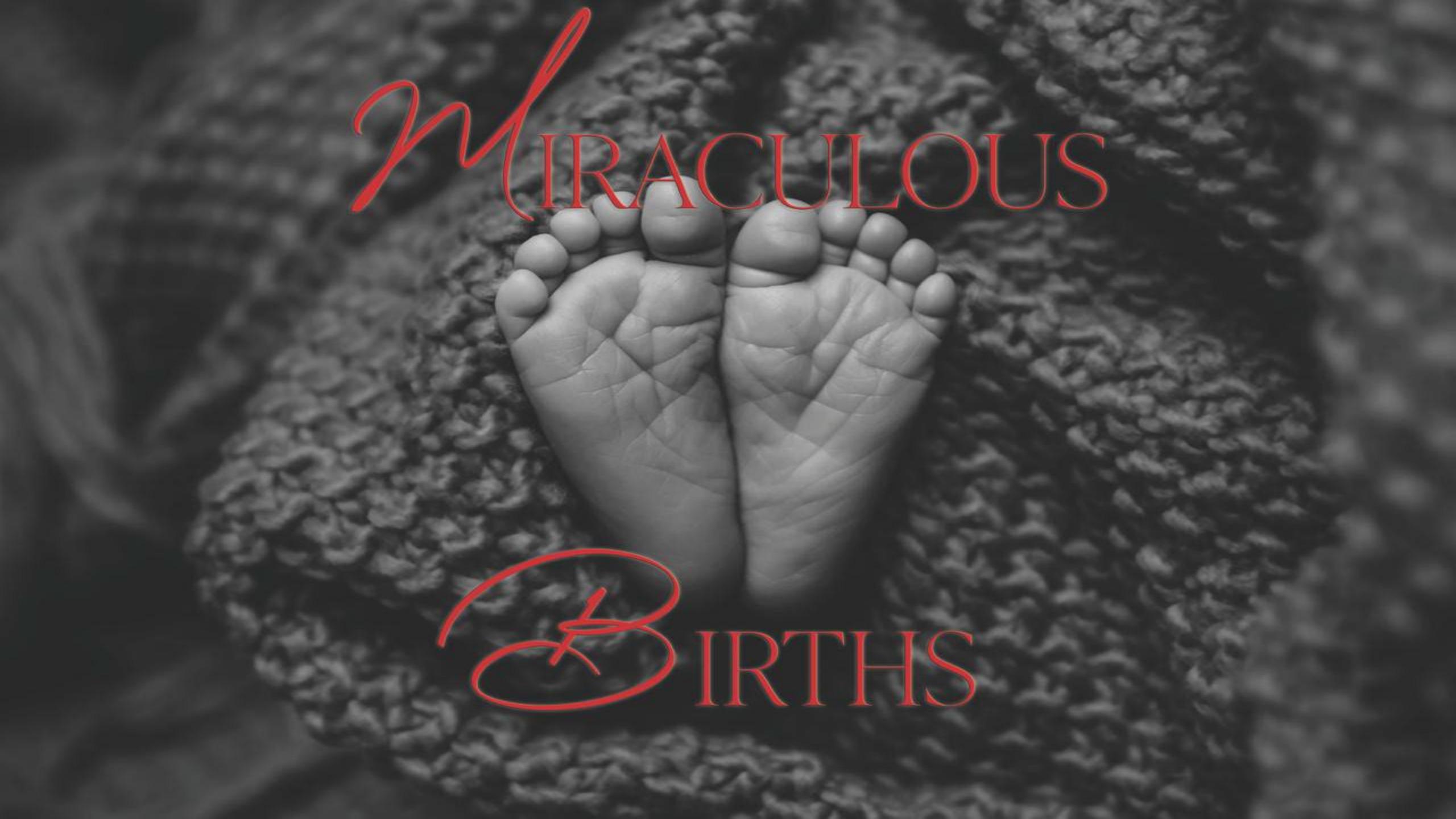
Judges 13:21-23

**and a grain offering at our hands, or  
shown us all these things, or now  
announced to us such things as these.**

**“She will bear a son, and  
you shall call his name  
Jesus, for he will save his  
people from their sins”**

**Matthew 1:21**





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