

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
Judges 14-15
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Judges 14:1-4

Samson’s separation was A Separation TO God, more than A Separation FROM Things!

The Key theme of Samson’s life is “Holiness.” (Lack Thereof)

With all of Samson’s advantages, he had 1 major flaw – lack of Self-Control.

4 resources God built into his life:

1. Samson was born into a godly home.

Deut 6: 4-9

Eph 6: 4

2. Samson had a miraculous birth.
3. Samson had a unique lifestyle.
4. Samson was blessed with the special ministry of the Holy Spirit in his life.

With all the blessings/benefits, Samson was actually a weak man.

Proverbs 16: 32

Samson’s lack of self-control was his downfall.

Judges 14:1-4 – Samson’s Desire For A Woman:

Judges 14:1

“Then Samson went down to Timnah” – “a portion assigned”

Proverbs 6: 27-28

Ephesians 5: 15-16

Judges 14:2

1 Peter 3:3-4

Samson's Denial Of His Calling Of Separation:

Deuteronomy 7:3-4

2 Corinthians 6:14-16

Protest Of Samson's Parents – Judges 14:3

God's Sovereignty – Judges 14:4

The Bible contains both Prescriptive and Descriptive Words.

Judges 14:5-9 – Breaking Vow #1:

Judges 14:5

"as far as the vineyards of Timnah;" – Notice where he was.

Judges 14:6-7

Verses 8-9 – Samson's First Violation of his Nazarite Vow; He Comes In Contact With A Dead Body, Judges 14:8-9.

Judges 14:10-20 – Breaking Vow #2:

Judges 14:10

"Samson made a feast" – which literally is "drink"

Samson violates the 2nd part of his vow – no intoxicating drink.

Judges 14:11-18

"Heifer" – This was a proverb about not playing by the rules – heifers weren't used to plow.

Judges 14:19-20

Judges 15:1-8 – Samson’s Revenge:

Judges 15:1-3

Verses 4-5 – Revenge

Samson understands that the Philistines were behind the situation – not his wife/father-in-law.

Remember Satan is behind all evil. All the pain, hurt and evil in the world is because of him.

Verses 6-8 – Retaliation/Revenge

Judges 15:9-13 – The Compromised People of Judah:

Judges 15:9-11

They weren’t even looking to be delivered; they had accepted their life of bondage.

Judges 15:12-13

Instead of fighting with Samson, they fight against him.

Too many Christians don’t realize how they are helping Satan’s cause by their compromised lifestyle.

2 Sam 12:14

Samson knew who the enemy was and knew that he and Israel were on the same side.

Judges 15:14-17 – Samson’s Victory Through Faith:

Judges 15:14

Judges 15:15 – “Fresh jawbone” – Tough & unbreakable; Single-handedly he killed 1000 Philistines (The Real Live Avenger).

Judges 15:16

Hebrews 11:32-34

Judges 15:17 – Ramath-lehi, “The hill of the jawbone” or “Jawbone heights.”

Judges 15:18-20 – Samson’s Prayer:

Judges 15:18

How often we too forget the things God has done for us; Shows the height of faith and the depths of despair.

Judges 15:19

“En-hakkore” – “fountain of one calling”; Out of a cave, God provided water for Samson.

Judges 15:20

Application:

1. Samson’s Accomplishments Were All Due To The Holy Spirit That Would Come Upon Him. All Believers In Jesus Christ Are Given Everything For Life And Godliness.

Colossians 2:9

2 Peter 1:3

2. Like Samson, Christians are also to be separate, to be holy, to remain pure. Unless we control the urges of our fleshly passions, we too will reap devastating results. The only way to control the flesh is to be strengthened through the Holy Spirit. It is futile to try to exert willpower to keep down the flesh. Only as we surrender to the Spirit, will He produce fruit in our lives, and one of the characteristics of that fruit is self-control.