

Samson's Life and God's Will

Judges 13-16

Key Verse: 16:28

1. Read chapter 13. How was this cycle of sin different from other times? (1; 10:15) What blessing and direction did the angel of the Lord give to Manoah's family? What is a Nazirite? (Nu 6:1-8) How was this related to Samson's purpose in life?
2. Read chapter 14. What was wrong about Samson's selection of his wife and how did he suffer from it? How did they solve Samson's riddle? What happened when the Spirit of the Lord came upon him? (19-20)
3. Read chapter 15. What angered Samson to seek revenge against the Philistines? (1-2) What did Samson do and how did the Philistines take it? (3-10) Why did Samson submit to the men of Judah? (11-13) How did God fulfill His will when the Spirit came upon Samson? (14-20)
4. Read chapter 16:1-22. How was Samson still powerful? (1-3) What was his weakness? (4) How did his weakness become a trap for his life? (5-6) What was the purpose of Delilah's nagging? What was the consequence of giving up his identity and the Nazirite vow?
5. Read chapter 16:23-31. How did the Philistines interpret their victory over Samson? (23-25) What was Samson's prayer? (26-28) How did he redeem himself and bring glory to God? (29-31) What can we learn about how God accomplished His will in Samson's life?