

Bible Baptist Church

Adult Bible Study

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Lesson 7



Text: Judges 14:1-20

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14 *And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.*

2 *And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.*

3 *Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.*

4 *But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.*

5 *Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.*

6 *And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.*

7 *And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.*

8 *And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion.*

9 *And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.*

10 So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.

11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:

13 But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? is it not so?

16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee?

17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion? and he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

19 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

20 But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

Introduction: In this lesson we will see the beginning of Samson's life as he is suppose to "begin to deliver the Israelites from the hand of the Philistines".



Lesson:

But we see something that the devil used to distracted him from the will of God. This week we will learn of Samson's uncontrolable love (lust).

- I. **Samson's love (lust) for women** – Judges 14:1-20 – Samson went down to Timnath - is primarily a Philistine city located in the Sorek Valley on the border of Judah and Dan.
 - a. A sinful desire – vrs. 1,2 - While he was there, he notice the a certain Philistine woman. Now these women were not Israelites, but pagans that oppresed the Israelites and they worshipped false gods. Somethings to he should have remebered:
 - i. All marriages were arranged by the parents – Examples – Issac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel...that is why he went to his parents and requested her.
 - ii. All marriages were allocated with like faith – the Lord warned the Israelites not to take wives from the heathen nations – Exodus 34:16; Deuteronomy 7:3,4 – even for us today – I Corinthians 6:14

Exodus 34:16;

¹⁶ And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.

Deuteronomy 7:3,

³ Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

I Corinthians 6:14

¹⁴ And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

Why is lust so strong?

 It begins within our hearts (it is pictured) – I John 2:16; James 1:14; Job 31:1

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¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

James 1:14;

⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Job 31:1

³¹ I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

 It builds up within our hearts (it is progressive) – Proverbs 5:22; Romans 6:19; James 1:15

Proverbs 5:22;

²² His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

Romans 6:19;

¹⁹ I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

James 1:15

¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

What are the by products of lust?

 It becomes more than we anticipated – Matthew 5:28; Galatians 5:19-21

Matthew 5:28;

²⁸ But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Galatians 5:19-21

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

What are some ways to control it?


 To flee from it – I Corinthians 6:18; II Timothy 2:22

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¹⁸ Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

II Timothy 2:22

²² Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.


 To guard against it – Romans 13:14; I Peter 2:11

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14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

I Peter 2:11

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

 To value your life – I Corinthians 6:18-20

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18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

- b. A stubborn disobedience – vrs – 3 – Samson was questioned with some instructions about taking a heathen wife instead of one of the Israelites. But notice how his stubbornness came out... “Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well”. He was thinking of his selfish pleasures...it was not love, but lust!! Just like our society today, is consumed with the lust (desire) of the flesh for their own self gratification.
- c. A spiritual dilemma – vrs. 4 – here we see the Lord is going to use Samson’s stubbornness to create a conflict with the Philistines. Many people think that we (mankind) can mess up or alter God’s plan. But you know the Lord uses the

stubbornness and wickedness of man to accomplish His will...here are some examples in Bible:

- i. Joseph being sold into slavery – ***Genesis 50:20 – to save Israel.

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²⁰ But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

- ii. The killing of the male children in Egypt – ***Exodus 1:16-22 – to save

*****Exodus 1:16-22**

¹⁶ And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.

¹⁷ But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.

¹⁸ And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?

¹⁹ And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

²⁰ Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

²¹ And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

²² And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

- iii. Moses to become the leader of Israel.
- iv. Esther beign made queen from a drunken king – ***Esther 2:17 – to save Israel from annihilation.

*****Esther 2:17**

17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

- v. The taxation of king Herod – ***Luke 2:1-5 – to allow Joseph/Mary and Jesus to flee to Egypt from Herod’s killings.

*****Luke 2:1-5**

2 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Note – Someone once said, “ The Lord is never responsible for men’s evil act, but He often weaves them into a garment of praise for His own glory”!

- d. A supernatural display – vrs. 5,6 – Now Samson and his family is heading down to Timnath. Notice that Samson was in the vineyards and a lion attacked Samson (his dad and mom was not there – I believe they went a different way). Notice a couple things:
 - i. He tore it like it was nothing.
 - ii. He had no weapon.
 - iii. He did not tell his parents about this – Why?
- e. A significant detail – vrs.7-9 – here we see a some details that turns out to be significant to Samson’s life.
 - i. He talked to that Philistine woman – vrs. 7

- ii. He takes wild honey from a carcass of the lion to eat and gave some to his parents – vrs. 8,9
 - iii. He did not tell his parents about the honey – vrs.9 – Why??
- f. A sensuous defeat – vrs. 10-18 – Samson’s dad went down and gave a feast (this was a drinking party) for his Philistine friends (30 of them).
 - i. He gave a riddle – 12-14 - “Out of the eater came something to eat, and out of the strong came something sweet.”
 - ii. He gave in to his wife’s cries – vrs. 15-17 – She said to him, “you hate me and do not love me, with no explanation because of this riddle.
 - iii. He gave his wife a name – vrs. 18 – due to his anger, he called his wife a “heifer” as she was used by the Philistines to extract information from him.
- g. A strategic decision – vrs.19-20 – here we see Samson seeking revenge on the 30 Philistines at his party for what they did to his wife:
 - i. He killed the 30 men – vrs. 19a
 - ii. He took their spoil and clothing to satisfy the debt, but he did it at the expense of the Philistines – vrs. 19b
 - iii. He gave his wife to his friend – vrs. 20

Conclusion:

Remember that “lust” is in each one of us – but the Lord allows us to not be controlled by it, that is why He has given us **two escape routes** to overcome it:

1. His Word – Psalms 119:11
2. His Way – I Corinthians 10:13

Psalms 119:11

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

I Corinthians 10:13

¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.