

Bible Baptist Church

Adult Bible Study

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Lesson 7



Text: Judges 14:1-20

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 uncontrollable 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




Why is lust so strong?

- ✚ It begins within our hearts (it is pictured) – I John 2:16; James 1:14; Job 31:1
- ✚ It builds up within our hearts (it is progressive) – Proverbs 5:22; Romans 6:19; James 1:15

What are the by products of lust?

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

What are some ways to control it?

-  To flee from it – I Corinthians 6:18; II Timothy 2:22
-  To guard against it – Romans 13:14; I Peter 2:11
-  To value your life – I Corinthians 6:18-20

- 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.
 - ii. The killing of the male children in Egypt – ***Exodus 1:16-22 – to save Moses to become the leader of Israel.
 - iii. Esther beign made queen from a drunken king – ***Esther 2:17 – to save Israel from annihilation.
 - iv. The taxation of king Herod – ***Luke 2:1-5 – to allow Joseph/Mary and Jesus to flee to Egypt from Herod’s killings.

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 he gave his wife to his friend – vrs. 20

Conclusion:

Remember that “lust” is in each one 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