



“Samson—Marriage and Vengeance”

Judges 14

- I. Though Samson’s continued observance of the Nazarite vow is apparent throughout the narrative, his appetite for _____ will continually keep the reader ill-at-ease (14:1-3).
- a. If one understands marriage to a Philistine to be _____, verse 4 raises difficult questions related to God’s role in not just permitting evil to exit in the world, but using it to His own ends (14:4).
- b. On the way to betrothal with his parents the _____ of the Lord come upon Samson for the personal strength to deliver himself from a lion (14:5-7).
- c. During a return trip with his parents for the wedding, Samson found a surprising stash of honey when checking for the _____ of the lion he had killed (14:8-9).

Genesis 50:20

1 Samuel 17:37

- II. Samson and his father go to a seven-day-long customary feast where the people, as soon as they see Samson, take 30 “_____” to be with Samson (14:10-11).
- a. Samson taunts his companions with a very expensive _____ (14:12-14).
- b. The companions threaten to _____ Samson’s wife unless she discover the answer to the riddle and betray her husband (14:15-18).
- c. In hot anger Samson _____ 30 Philistines to take their garments and satisfy the debt (14:19-20).

- III. Samson’s wife is found to be given to another man, which sets off repeated acts of _____ in which Samson burns Philistine crops, the Philistines kill his wife, and Samson strikes them “hip and thigh” with a great slaughter (15:1-8).

Romans 5:8-10, Luke 23:34, Acts 7:60, 1 John 1:9, Revelation 3:19-22,

Matthew 5:23-24

- a. The Philistines continue to look _____, losing at every turn and again as they arrest Samson only to have him kill another 1,000 with a pathetic weapon (15:9-17).
- b. Samson’s work complete for now, he cries out to God to spare his life and he judges Israel ____ years in the midst of Philistine oppression (15:18-20).