

## Sermon Notes

**Text:** Genesis 38:1-30



**Title:** *Judah Meets His Match in Tamar*

**Theme:** Judah's unfaithfulness to the LORD was great, and his transgressions made things very difficult for him. But the LORD in His providence brought Judah to the end of himself. Judah met his match, and God turned that "match" into a future blessing.

- I. Judah Moves \_\_\_\_\_ and Starts a \_\_\_\_\_ (1-11)
  
- II. Judah's Daughter-in-Law's \_\_\_\_\_ to Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ Going (12-19)
  
- III. Judah Exposed as a Hypocritical \_\_\_\_\_ While Tamar Is \_\_\_\_\_ (20-26)
  
- IV. Judah's Family Line \_\_\_\_\_ (27-30)

## V. Applications

- A. We see the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin in the life of one of God's own people so that we can grasp more acutely the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- B. The line of Judah \_\_\_\_\_ His sin and foolishness.
  
- C. God did not " \_\_\_\_\_ " on Judah, and God will not " \_\_\_\_\_ " on you.
  
- D. Tamar paves the way for \_\_\_\_\_.

To read for next week: Genesis 39:1-23

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

1. Who left his family (v. 1)?
2. Whom did he marry (v. 2)?
3. How many children did Judah have with this wife? What were their names (vv. 3-5)?
4. Who was Tamar (v. 6)?
5. What happened to Judah's firstborn son? Why did this happen (v. 7)?
6. What happened to Judah's second-born son (vv. 8-10)?
7. After this occurred, what did Judah tell his daughter-in-law to do (v. 11)?
8. What did Tamar do after this? Why? (vv. 12-23)?
9. When Tamar was found to be pregnant, what was Judah's reaction (v. 24)?
10. Was Tamar executed? Why or why not (vv. 25-26)?
11. What were the unusual circumstances when Tamar gave birth (vv. 27-29a)?
12. What were the names Tamar's children? Who was considered the firstborn (vv. 28-30)?
13. Why is this story about Judah inserted in the narrative about Joseph? Why here?
14. Why was Judah's move away from the family of Jacob significant?
15. How would you picture the character of Judah and his family at this juncture in his life?
16. How would you evaluate Tamar's actions as she schemed to rectify a wrong done to her?
17. Where do you see the grace of God in this episode?
18. What is significant about Judah's family line? Why would God use such a person for this purpose?
19. Has God used any non-believers ("pagans") in your life to get your attention directed toward spiritual matters? How?
20. Why do you suppose Matthew highlighted the heathen Tamar and four other women in the family line of Christ Jesus?