

Judges

broken people :: faithful God

Up date...

- . Samson continues to elude judgement**
 - . Of both God and the Philistines!**
 - . God does amazing things...**
 - . Samson keeps failing in the same place**
 - . Do we learn from our failures?**
- . Samson judges for 20 years...**

Judge Who Sleeps Around

- **Judges 16:1-3**
- **Progression of Sin:**
 - **Going places you should not go**
 - **Looking where he shouldn't look**
 - **Sexual relationships in ways and at times that are SIN**
- **Samson found out**
- **Presence of the Holy Spirit not mentioned...**
- **Samson's feat of strength and endurance**
- **Humiliations Galore!**

And then his eyes...

- **Trouble with what he looks/loves at...**
 - **Delilah – 6x! And she takes the strong man!**
 - **Sex is gross; Sex is god; Sex is a gift of God (Mark Driscoll)**
 - **This attachment is noticed...**
 - **Our enemy always sees what we “love”...**
- **Entice him, find out... see 14:15!**
- **Bind, afflict... torment! Not kill...**

Stairway to hell...

- **For 1100 pieces of Silver... love for sale?**
 - 1. Please tell me... (vs. 6)**
 - **7 fresh cords, she does it!**
 - **Philistines attack!**
 - 2. You deceived me! (vs. 10)**
 - **New ropes, she does it!**
 - **Philistines attack! (and he still ...)**

Stairway to hell...

- **For 1100 pieces of Silver... love for sale?**
- 3. Deceived me! (vs. 13)**
 - **7 locks of my hair... getting closer!**
 - **Philistines attack! (are you kidding!)**
- 4. How can you say “I love you...” (vs. 16)**
pressed, urged, annoyed to death!
 - **He gives up...Nazarite to God!**
 - **She shaves him and afflicts him! (vs. 19)**

He did not know...

- **“...the Lord had left him.” vs 20...**
 - **He did not miss his hair?**
 - **Seized and blinded! (cause of his trouble!)**
 - **Grinder in prison... donkey job...**
 - **Hair begins to grow (vs. 22)**
- **Dagon...**
 - **Our god has given Samson???**

Dagon's temple falls!

- **3,000+ come to torment him...**
- **“Samson called to the Lord” - FINALLY!!!**
 - **His only recorded prayer**
 - **“avenged for my eyes...”**
 - **Kills more with his death than his life!**
 - **A life never realized...**

Next week:



Samuel – Priest/Prophet

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