

# SAMSON

## BEAUTY TO BURNING



# Questions

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- Why does God pick us?
- Where does my free will fit into my new Identity?
- Am I still “me?”
- Am I trapped in my new identity?
- How does my new Identity effect my struggles?
- Does it make it easier or harder to live a holy life?



- Born of a Miracle
  - Announced by Christ
    - Pure from Conception
      - Raised with God's Blessing
        - Full of the Holy Spirit

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Is Samson's fate a  
lock?



How far can you  
stretch between who  
you were meant to  
be and who you are  
tempted to be?



# Famous First Words

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God “Let there be light...”

John the Baptist “Prepare the way for the Lord, make His paths straight...”

Jesus “It is fitting that you baptize me to fulfill all righteousness

# Judges 14

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1 Samson went down to Timnah and saw there a young Philistine woman.

2 When he returned, he said to his father and mother, “I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife.”



# Judges 14

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3 His father and mother replied, “Isn’t there an acceptable woman among your relatives or among all our people? Must you go to the uncircumcised Philistines to get a wife?”

But Samson said to his father, “Get her for me. She’s the right one for me.”

# Judges 14

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4 (His parents did not know that this was from the Lord, who was seeking an occasion to confront the Philistines; for at that time they were ruling over Israel.)



Who is  
responsible for  
Samson's  
attraction?

# Judges 14:5-9

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# NAZARITE

NUMBERS 6



Identity

Desires





# Judges 14:10-13

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# Judges 14

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**15** On the fourth day, they said to Samson's wife, "Coax your husband into explaining the riddle for us, or we will burn you and your father's household to death. Did you invite us here to steal our property?"





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**16** Then Samson's wife threw herself on him, sobbing, "You hate me! You don't really love me. You've given my people a riddle, but you haven't told me the answer."

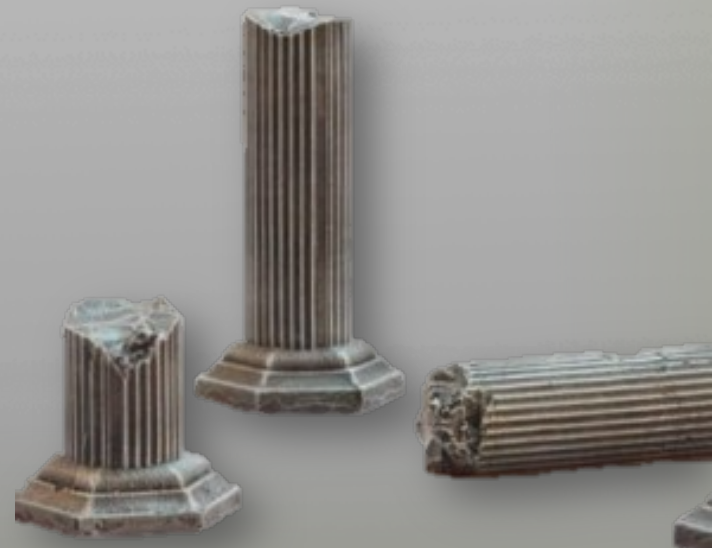
"I haven't even explained it to my father or mother," he replied, "so why should I explain it to you?"



# Judges 14

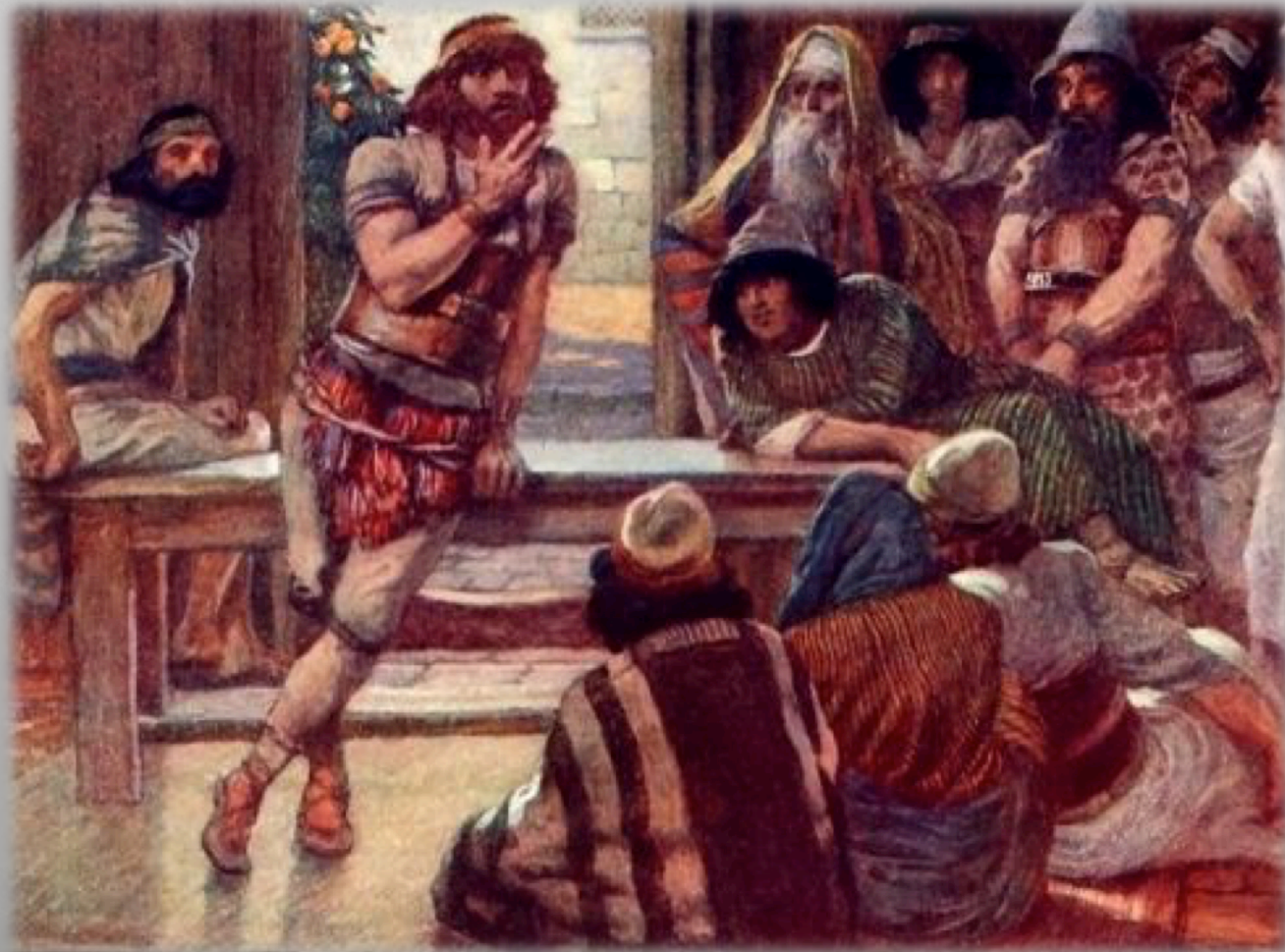
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**17** She cried the whole seven days of the feast. So on the seventh day he finally told her, because she continued to press him. She in turn explained the riddle to her people.



# Judges 14:18-20

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# Judges 15

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- Samson finds his wife was taken
  - Samson gets revenge
    - Philistines get revenge
      - Samson gets more revenge
        - Samson gets turned in
          - Samson kills more men

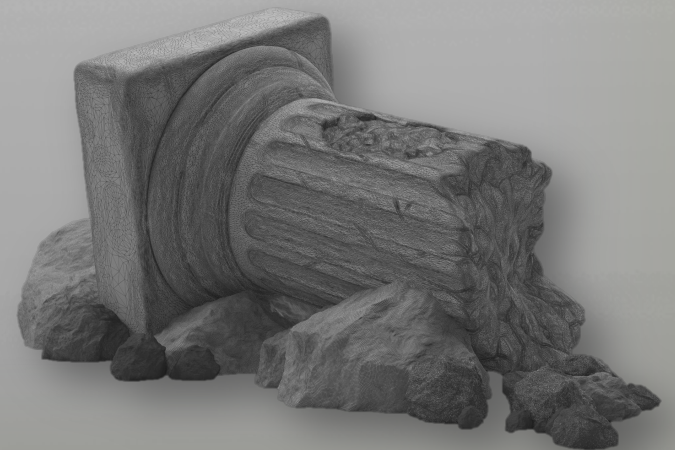


# Judges 14-15

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➤ Bible Study Hint #37

**“Pay attention when the story repeats itself.”**



# Two themes...

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1. Samson's **strength** leads him astray
  - From the Lion - Honey
  - From the Philistine - Woman
  - From the Wedding - drink

# Two themes...

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His bride is threatened with being burned (14:15)

Samson burns with anger (14:19)

Samson burns the fields (15:5)

Philistines burn his bride and her family alive (15:6)

# Two themes...

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When Tempted, no one should say  
“God is tempting me...” each one is  
tempted when by his own evil  
desires he is lured away and enticed.  
Then after Desire has conceived, it  
gives birth to sin; and when sin is  
fully grown, it gives birth to death.  
**James 1:13-15**



# Two themes...

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“Physically, Samson was the strongest man upon the earth; but in self-control, integrity, and firmness, he was one of the weakest of men. Many mistake strong passions for a strong character, but the truth is that he who is mastered by his passions is a weak man.” (p. 567-568)

# Two themes...

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“The Bible characters stumbled over their strong points, never their weak ones.”

Oswald Chambers, My utmost for  
His highest, April 19<sup>th</sup>

# Two themes...

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1. Samson's strength leads him astray
2. The Holy Spirit works through Samson

# Two themes...

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A lion attacks Samson...The Holy Spirit strengthens him

The Holy Spirit comes upon Samson...  
Samson kills 30 men from Ashkelon

Samson is tied up and given to the philistines...The Holy Spirit comes on him and he kills 1,000 of them



# Two themes...

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Presence – Psalm 139:7-10

Identity – Romans 8:14-17

Power to Develop – 1 Cor. 12:4-11

Direction – Jn 16:13, Ps 139:23-24

# Romans 8:15-17

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**14** For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. **15** The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.”

**16** The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

Identity

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# Romans 7:14-25

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...**19** For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do — this I keep on doing.

**20** Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

**21** So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me...



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# Romans 7:14-25

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**24** What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

**25** Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

# Romans 8:1-4

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1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh

# Romans 8:1-4

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...God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.











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