

JUDGES 14

SAMSON – BE KILLING SIN



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Romans 8:13 *For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

- *Be killing sin, or it will be killing you.* - John Owen

Judges 13:24-25 *And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the LORD blessed him. 25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.*

Judges 14:1-2 *Samson went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines. 2 Then he came up and told his father and mother, "I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah. Now get her for me as my wife."*

- Three problems:
 - Timnah is within the allotment of Dan (Joshua 19:43)
 - Samson marrying a Philistine (Deut. 7:3-4, 2 Cor. 6:14)
 - Samson's response to his parents.

Judges 14:3 *But his father and mother said to him, "Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes."*

- *"Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes."* – theme of Samson's life and the nation of Israel (17:6, 21:25)

Judges 14:4 *His father and mother did not know that it was from the LORD, for he was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines. At that time the Philistines ruled over Israel.*

Two wills of God:

1. God's *preceptive* will - what God says *should* happen.

Question 45: What is the duty which God requires of man?

Answer: The duty which God requires of man is the obedience that comes from faith.

Scripture: [Galatians 5:6](#); [1 Thessalonians 1:3](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:11](#); [Romans 1:5](#); [16:26](#); [15:18](#).

Two wills of God:

2. God's *decretive* will - what God has ordained *shall* happen. It is also called his *hidden* will or *sovereign* will.

Question 11: What are the decrees of God?

Answer: The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Scripture: [Ephesians 1:11](#); [Romans 11:36](#); [Daniel 4:35](#); [Isaiah 46:10](#); [Psalm 115:3](#); [Amos 3:6](#).

Judges 14:5-6 Then Samson went down with his father and mother to Timnah, and they came to the vineyards of Timnah. And behold, a young lion came toward him roaring. 6 Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

Judges 14:7 Then he went down and talked with the woman, and she was right in Samson's eyes.

Judges 14:8-9 After some days he returned to take her. And he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. 9 He scraped it out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother and gave some to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion.

- As much as a year as passed between v7 and v8.
- The carcass of a lion was unclean for any Israelite to touch (Lev. 11:27) and a Nazarite was to not even go near a dead body (Num. 6:6)

Judges 14:10 His father went down to the woman, and Samson prepared a feast there, for so the young men used to do.

- Mishteh – feast, banquet or dinner, with a focus on drinking

Judges 14:11 *As soon as the people saw him, they brought thirty companions to be with him.*

- The word translated here as “companions” is later translated “choice men” in 20:15-16 and used to describe a group of select warriors.

Judges 14:12-13 *And Samson said to them, “Let me now put a riddle to you. If you can tell me what it is, within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes, 13 but if you cannot tell me what it is, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes.” And they said to him, “Put your riddle, that we may hear it.”*

Judges 14:14 *And he said to them, “Out of the eater came something to eat. Out of the strong came something sweet.” And in three days they could not solve the riddle.*

Judges 14:15 *On the fourth day they said to Samson's wife, “Entice your husband to tell us what the riddle is, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you invited us here to impoverish us?”*

Judges 14:16 And Samson's wife wept over him and said, "You only hate me; you do not love me. You have put a riddle to my people, and you have not told me what it is." And he said to her, "Behold, I have not told my father nor my mother, and shall I tell you?"

Judges 14:17 However she wept before him seven days while their feast lasted. And on the seventh day he told her because she pressed him so hard. She then told the riddle to the sons of her people.

- Delilah uses these same techniques in chapter 16.

Judges 14:18 So the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, "What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion?" And he said to them, "If you had not plowed with my heifer, You would not have found out my riddle."

Judges 14:19 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of them and took their spoil and gave the changes of clothes to those who told the riddle. And his anger burned, and he went up to his father's house.

Judges 14:20 And Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man.

Acts 2:23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

Acts 3:14-15, 18 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ...18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

Acts 4:27-28 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

Willful and voluntary choices of men (in this case sin)

God sovereignly accomplishing His purposes