

BIBLE BOWL -2016

Lesson #12 -Samson

Scripture Reading: Judges 16:18-20

Introduction:

1. We can learn from both the positive and negative aspects of biblical characteristics.
2. Samson has characteristics we can learn from.
3. In this lesson we will examine some lessons from the life and times of Samson...

I. DEFEATING THE LION

A. HE SOUGHT AFTER A PHILISTINE WOMAN

1. This was against the law of God –Ex 34:16, De 7:3
2. The Lord was able to use this as opportunity against the Philistines –Ju 14:3

B. A LION CAME UPON HIM

1. The lion caught him off-guard
2. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily –Ju 14:5-6
3. He came back later and found that bees made honey in it –vs. 8-9
4. He posed a riddle to the Philistines for thirty changes of clothes

II. ARRESTED BY HIS OWN MEN

A. THE PRECEDING EVENTS

1. He tried reuniting with his wife
2. He burned the fields with three hundred foxes
3. He attacked the Philistines with a great slaughter

B. SAMSON ON ETAM –Ju 14:9-15

1. Three thousand of his own men came to arrest him
2. Gideon had three-hundred warriors; Samson had three thousand cowards
3. The Spirit of the Lord comes upon Samson and he kills one thousand men with a jawbone of a donkey

C. THE LORD PROVIDED WATER FOR HIM –vs. 18-19

D. THE GATES OF GAZA -16:-13

1. The Philistines were waiting to kill him
2. He takes up the gate, bars and all to the top of the hill that faces Hebron
3. This is an estimated 45min walk without a burden to bear
4. The terrain was a road of thick sand. Only Samson could have done such a thing!

III. HIS DOWNFALL

A. DELILAH

1. Samson loved her -16:4
2. The lords of the Philistines used this to their advantage -16:5
3. He lies to her about the source of his strength three different times –VS. 6-14

B. HE TELLS HER THE TRUTH AND IS DEFEATED –Ju 16:16-22

1. He had taken the Nazarite Vow
2. She had a man come and shave his head
3. He thought he could go out and fight as many times as before, but the Lord had left him.

C. THE DEATH OF SAMSON

1. He is made a slave. He has to perform for the Philistines

2. Dagon their god is praised for his defeat
3. He places his faith in God still and makes his final request; to die with the Philistines.

Conclusion:

1. His strength came from the Lord on the condition of the Nazarite Vow (i.e. it was not his hair alone)
2. He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world -1Jn 4:4