

Models of the Master

Samson – Judges 13-16

Samson is one of those people who had great potential and failed to get anywhere close to what he could have done for God.

*He failed to lead an army.

*He failed to liberate the children of Israel from oppression.

Almost anyone would have followed Samson, because he was the ultimate warrior.

*He was selfish and spoiled.

Everything he did was about him and his felt needs instead of the people of Israel.

You will never do all you can for God unless you are concentrating on His work and placing others first.

I.) Samson's Birth 13:1-25

A.) The Promise to His Mother Vs. 1-5

Samson is another of those miracle babies born to a family that could not have children.

Along with this privilege of such a child came a responsibility.

B.) The Directions for His Father Vs. 6-14

C.) The Miracle of the Angel Vs. 15-23

D.) The Arrival of Samson Vs. 24, 25

II.) Samson's Wife 14:1-15:8

A.) He desired a Wife from the Enemy Vs. 1-4

Instead of Samson fighting the enemy he is trying to marry them.

God used this opportunity against the Philistines.

God did not allow Samson to get what he wanted since his parents would not tell him no.

B.) Samson Meets a Lion Vs. 5-9

He returns to the lion's carcass, which was breaking his Nazarite vow.

C.) Samson's Wedding Party Vs. 10-18

III.) Samson Attacks the Philistines 14: & 15:

A.) Samson Kills Thirty Philistines for their Garments 14:19, 20

B.) Samson Burns the Corn Fields 15:1-8

C.) Samson Kills 1000 Philistines with the Jawbone of an Ass Vs. 9-20

IV.) Samson and the Harlots 16:

A.) The Harlot of Gaza 16:1-3

B.) The Harlot Delilah 16:4-21

V.) Samson's Death 16:21-31

A.) Samson is Humbled Vs. 21-27

B.) Samson's Request Vs. 28

C.) Samson's Final Destruction of the Philistines Vs. 29-31

He did more for Israel in his death than his life.

What a waste of a gift from God.