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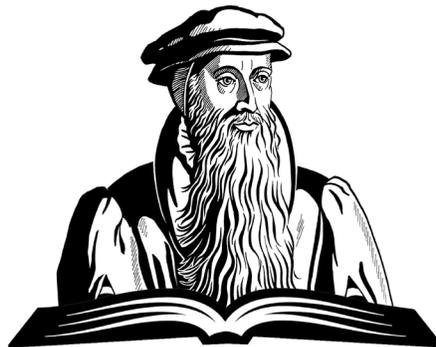
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Lesson 50

Samson

The Book of Judges, chapters 13 through 21

Memory Verse

“For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”

Judges 6:15–16

God’s Faithfulness and Man’s Unfaithfulness

The opening scene of Judges, chapter 13, is remarkable. First we see that despite the earlier deliverances, Israel yet again sinned against the Lord. This rebellion would result in Israel’s being in bondage to the Philistines for forty years. Does not the rebellion of Israel teach something of the human heart and the continued necessity of God’s keeping and sustaining hand? Second, does not the opening scene speak highly of God and his faithfulness to a continually rebelling people? After forty years, we find that God will yet send a deliverer to free his people.

Faith

What is faith? Hebrews 11:1 states, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Faith holds confidently to the promises of God revealed in his Word. We see faith in the description of Manoah and his wife.

One day Manoah’s wife is approached by a stranger, who tells her that even though she was barren, that she would bear a son. What was her reaction to the words of the stranger? She immediately comes to her husband, Manoah, and tells him of the wonderful news that she had heard from the stranger. Manoah’s reaction was similar to his wife. Upon hearing the news from his wife, Manoah does not doubt the words, but immediately pleads with the Lord to send the man, not to validate the words of his wife (which would have shown doubt), but to “teach” them what they should do “unto the child that shall be born.” Here we see their faith in the Word of God brought to them. Manoah and his wife believed the word of promise.

Samson a Hero?

Samson is set before us as one that should deliver Israel from the Philistines. In his final act before his death, Samson did show that the God of Israel was greater than the god of the Philistines. In the House of Dagon, Samson placing his hands upon the pillars, called upon a merciful God:

“O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes” (Judg. 16:28). The Lord heard his cry and strengthened Samson. The house came tumbling down, the enemies of God’s covenant people were killed, and the living God, through Samson, showed that Dagon was nothing but an idol of stone.

However, Samson was a far cry from a perfect person. As he grew, many glaring sins are seen in the life of Samson. How disappointed his parents were when he desired to marry a daughter of the Philistines. He did not love his wife “as his own body” (Eph. 5:28). In time, Samson would lie with a harlot and play with the gift of strength that God had given him, eventually revealing that his hair was the token of God’s blessing. There are so many glaring faults in the life of Samson that it has often been said that if Samson’s name was not listed in Hebrews 11 it would be hard to see how he could have been a child of God. This would indeed cause confusion if we think that Samson was a child of God because of some ability that lay in Samson. Thankfully, it is not Samson’s strength that saves Samson, but God’s faithfulness.

“Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.”

— hymn written by Thomas Chisholm

A Greater than Samson

In the end the deliverance of Samson, like all the other judges, was a disappointment. What do we read after the death of Samson? Israel had not changed. “Every man did that which was right in his own eyes” (Judg. 21:25).

The Lord Jesus Christ, however, is a Deliverer greater than Samson—greater than all the judges, greater than all the judges combined. There is none like him. Though in the form of sinful flesh, he was without sin. He had no spot or wrinkle. He fulfilled the law of God perfectly. his deliverance is full and free. his deliverance is not for a time, but for eternity.

The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is glorious:

- Jesus Christ is presented as the one “name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).
- Sinners are invited to partake of His salvation: “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28).
- Sinners are promised acceptance: “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37).
- The salvation of a repenting and believing sinner is unbreakable: “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not” (Like 22:31–32).

Surely, this is a glorious gospel!

Questions

Judges 13

1. When did Manoah and his wife realize that the man of God was the angel of the Lord?

Judges 14

2. Samson took a wife of the daughters of _____.

- a. Ekron
- b. Timnath
- c. Ziklag
- d. Gerar

Judges 15

3. Where did the men of Judah find Samson when they sought to bind him and turn him over to the Philistines?

- a. on Mt. Horeb.
- b. by the river Jordan.
- c. in Engedi
- d. atop the rock Etam.

Judges 16

4. Delilah sought to entice Samson to reveal how his strength could be taken away. Which of the following did he not say?

- a. If they bind me with new ropes that were never occupied.
- b. If they bind him with seven green withs that were never dried.
- c. If they bind me with fetters of brass, then shall I be weak as other men.
- d. If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.
- e. If I am shaven, then my strength will go from me.

5. How did Samson lose his sight?

6. In Samson's last act, he caused the house of Dagon to fall down killing _____ Philistines, which was more than he had slain in his life.

- a. 50
- b. 300
- c. 1000
- d. 10,000

Discussions

1. Compare the reaction of Manoah and his wife to that of Thomas upon first hearing of the resurrection of Jesus (John 20:25).

2. Discuss the words of Jesus to Thomas in relationship to Manoah and his wife: “Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed” (John 20:29).

3. Discuss why Jesus is a greater Deliver than Samson and all the other judges.
