

Judges 13-16 - Lesson 12 - Samson

God's Instructions	Samson's Life and Death	A God of Second Chances
<p>God demands sexual purity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no adultery (Ex 20:14) - No incest (Lev 18:6, 17) - No homosexuality (Lev 20:13) - No bestiality (Lev 20:15-16) <p>Body is not for immorality, but for the Lord; the Lord is for the body (I Cor 6:13)</p> <p>Flee immorality (I Cor 6:18) Body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor 6:19) Bought with a price - glorify God with our body (I Cor 6:20)</p> <p>Abstain from sexual immorality (I Thes 4:3)</p> <p>Possess our own vessel in sanctification and honor (I Thes 4:4)</p> <p>God will judge fornicators and adulterers (He 13:4)</p>	<p>Life:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sought what was right in his own eyes (women) - Didn't flee immorality - Didn't glorify God with his body - God judged him with capture, blindness, imprisonment, slavery, ridicule <p>Death:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - accomplished God's purpose for his life (16:28-31) - Called on God (16:28) - Turned from wickedness to live for God - Greatest victory came with his death - Gal 2:20 	<p>Philistines seduced Israel not by war but by materialism</p> <p>Acts 2:22-23 - responsibility of man, divine providence of God - we are held accountable for the wrong we do - but God is ultimately in control</p> <p>Sin is straying from God's boundaries - we willfully step over the boundary line</p> <p>Samson kept straying into Philistine territory - thinks he got away with his sin</p> <p>Delilah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will be a rich woman - 5 lords of the Philistines - 1,100 pieces of silver each = 5,500 (10 pieces of silver = a year's wage) <p>God's grace and mercy are always there</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - His grace will transform you - His mercy will help you bear up under the consequences <p>Sin starts when you begin to rationalize what you do - you can't justify sin - doing right in our own eyes</p> <p>II Tim 4:2-8 - fight the good fight, finish the course</p>