

05 July 2020

Samson's Final Victory ¹

Lesson Text: **Judges 16:21-31**

Related Scriptures: **Judges 16:1-20; 1st Samuel 5:1-5**
Daniel 5:1-4, 23-30; Psalm 74:18-23

TIME: 1049 B.C.

PLACE: Gaza

GOLDEN TEXT: *And Samson said, let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.*” (**Judges 16:30 KJV**)

Scripture Lesson Text

Judges 16:21-31

21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

¹ Union Gospel Press, Adult Bible Teacher, Summer Quarter, June, July, August 2020; Samson's Final Victory, 05 July 2020, page 27

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called unto the Lord, and said, 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.

29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

Lesson Aim

Facts: To know that giving in to temptation will lead to bad results.

Principle: To reveal that a wise person will learn to rely on the Lord and turn to Him when being tempted.

Application: To make a point to ask God to help us resist temptation every day instead of thinking we can battle it ourselves.

Introduction: The physical strength that Samson was blessed with was no help to him when it came to the seductions of Delilah. This led to a tragic end, as he was never all that he could have been if he would have been devoted to the Lord.

I. Developing the Lesson

- a. The humiliation of Samson (Judges 16:21-27)
- b. The death of Samson (Judges 16:28-31)

II. Studying the Text

- a. **Samson's Capture and Humiliation (Judges 16:21-22)**
 - i. Blinded by sin (Judges 16:21)
 - ii. Gradual regrowth (Judges 16:22)
- b. **Samson's Defeat and Shame (Judges 16:23-27)**

- i. The Philistines congregate (16:23)
- ii. The people celebrate (Judges 16:24-25)
- iii. A plan conceived (Judges 16:26-27)

c. Samson's Supplication and Victory (Judges 16:28-31)

- i. A prayer offered (Judges 16:28)
- ii. Strength returned (Judges 16:29-30)
- iii. Final rest (Judges 16:29-31)

III. Conclusion

IV. Closing Prayer

Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship

For: 12 July 2020

Samuel's Leadership Brings Victory

Monday-The Ark Among the Philistines (**1st Samuel 6:1-10**)

Tuesday- The Ark Sent Home (**1st Samuel 6:11-21**)

Wednesday- Return and Obey (**Deuteronomy 30:1-10**)

Thursday- Samuel's Prayer and Exhortation (**1st Samuel 12:16-24**)

Friday-Thunder and Fire (**Psalms 18:7-15**)

Saturday-Stones of Remembrance (**Joshua 4:19-24**)

Sunday-Repentance and Victory (**1st Samuel 7:1-12**)