

Judges: Samson 13:1-14:20

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Previous video:  Judges: Jephthah

Previously...

- The downward spiral is disintegrating
 - Yahweh disappears (rejected)
 - Judges acting more like kings
 - Israelites are becoming the people of the land
 - Brutality, treachery, cunning (evil)

Overarching Themes (revisited)

Themes

- Idolatry
- Flawed judge
- Satirized kingship
- Women
- Unity

Characteristics of the themes

- Typically go from bad to worse
- Assimilation with the people of the land
- Trust in God moves towards trust in man
- Sex is a driving force
- Chaos continually increases
- God is sovereign through it all

Manoah and his wife 13:1-25

- Manoah “rest”
 - Lacks understand and is busy
 - Skewed view of God
- Manoah’s wife
 - God speaks to her first
 - Demonstrates understanding (Exodus 34:6-7)

Samson: the brute beast 14:1-20

- Nazarite vows (Numbers 6:1-21)
 - No alcohol, no cutting hair, no dead bodies
- Samson, “little sun”
 - He displays hot anger throughout
 - Fire plays a role in the samson story
- Seeks a foriegn wife and gets her
 - Samson gratifies himself, not Yahweh (verse 3)
 - Wife displays loyalty to her own people, not Samson (verse 17)

Samson: the brute beast continued

- Authority
 - Samson leaves his parents in the dark (verses 4, 9, 16)
 - What does Samson submit to? Nothing!
- Samson embodies the Israelites
 - Both are set apart
 - Both have the spirit of the LORD
 - Samson is the fruit of Israel

Practical Application: Repentance

- God is patient to allow for repentance
 - 2nd Peter 3:8-10
- However, when there is no repentance... God gives you up
 - Romans 1:18-32; 2:4-8
 - God gave them up (verses 24, 26, 28)
 - The sin you commit rules you
- Take God at his word

Next time...

Samson continues

Read: chapters 15 and 16

Think about:

- After Samson is born, how many times is Yahweh mentioned?
- When Samson does mention Yahweh, is it for Yahweh's glory?



