

Judges: Samson 15:1-16:31

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Previous video:  Judges: Samson the brute beast

Previously...

- Samson is set apart, yet he doesn't care
- Israel is reaping what they have sown
 - Samson is the fruit
 - The downward spiral continues and worsens

Samson: a hammer in the hand of God 15:1-20

- Samson pursues the world and gets worldly results
 - Wife given to another
- Samson responds in a worldly way
 - 300 foxes with torches to ruin the harvest (remember Gideon)
- Brutality, treachery, cunning
 - 14:15 compared with 15:6
 - Men of Judah give up Samson
- Samson calls upon Yahweh
 - To give glory?... No! To satisfy his thirst

Samson and Delilah: 16:1-31

- Earlier, he sought a foreign wife; Now, he seeks a foreign prostitute
 - What results should we expect?
 - Recapitulation of previous story
- Brutality, treachery, cunning
 - Samson mocks her, she betrays him, the Philistines gouge out his eyes
- Yahweh leaves Samson 16:20
- It is not wise to bring God's instrument into a foreign temple

Practical Application: agent or instrument

- God is sovereign
 - God is in control of the events of history
 - You will be used by God regardless
- Which will you be? Agent or instrument
 - Agent: partners with God, knows his ways, loves him
 - Instrument: doesn't have a clue, self motivated, skewed understanding of God
 - Both: used by God, loved by God, and see God act (Psalm 103:7) (Red Sea)

Next time...

- Epilogue

Read: chapters 17-21

Think about:

- Chapters 17 and 18 demonstrate the religious decline. How does the epilogue religious decline compare with the prologue?
- Chapters 19-21 demonstrate the political decline. What atrocity occurs in chapter 19 and what is their solution for it?