

Sermon Outline and Discussion Guide for Adult Bible Study

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Our Savior's Redemption in Samson's Riddle

Judges 14:1-20; 16:23-31 – Judges 14:14

Intro: God is at work in all things—the affections of men, the carcass of a lion, and honeycombs.

I. The Redeeming Providence of God (Judges 14:1-9).

“His father and mother did not know that it was from the _____, for He was seeking an _____ against the _____. At that time the Philistines ruled over _____”

DQ. What is the attraction of that which is foreign? Is this always a fatal attraction?

DQ. Do God's plans overall exempt man from responsibility or the consequences of our disobedience?

DQ. Discuss how the knowledge of God's Providence prevents us from despair.

See Lord's Day 10, Q.&A. 28 What 3 effects does the Providence of God have on our life?

II. The Riddle Posed by Samson (Judges 14:14; 16:23-31).

“Out of the eater came something to eat, Out of the strong came something sweet.”

DQ. Why did Samson give the Philistines this riddle?

DQ. The Eater is a poetic reference to a _____.

III. The Reality Perfected in Christ (Judges 14:14; 16:23-31).

See Revelation 5:5 “Behold the _____ of the Tribe of _____, the Root of _____ has conquered.”

See John 6:53-56 “So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the _____

of the Son of Man and drink His _____, you have no life in you. Whoever _____ on My flesh and _____ My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is _____ and My blood is _____. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood _____ in Me and _____ in Him.”

DQ. In what ironic way would Samson fulfill his own riddle?

The Philistines answered Samson`s riddle with a riddle of their own.

The Lion who had been devouring the Philistines was now_____.
Getting revenge on the Strong Man Samson was indeed _____ to the Philistines.

DQ. What is the Ultimate Answer to the questions of the Philistines riddle?

What is sweeter than honey?

What is stronger than a lion?

DQ. How do Old Testament stories like this one strengthen our faith in Christ Jesus?