

**Sermon Outline and Discussion Guide for Adult Bible Study**

**March 16, 2014**

**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?