

Samson: Finally Broken

Judges 15:9-16:31

- I. **Samson's frustration**: Samson was victorious, but had no peace with God (Judges 15:9-20)
 - Note: Brooding after "foxes" victory/slaughter (15:8)
 - A. "The Jawbone" – Samson defeats the Philistines (15:9-17)
 - B. Angry at God about thirst after victory (15:18-20)

- II. **Samson's lust**: Samson was immoral, but impressively escaped (Judges 16:1-4).
 - A. Going to a prostitute (16:1-2)
 - B. "The Gate" – Samson humiliates the Philistines (16:3-4)

- III. **Samson's foolishness**: Samson was still immoral and foolish, so God disciplined him (Judges 16:5-22).
 - A. Living immorally with Delilah (16:4-5)
 - B. Foolishly violating his vow to God (16:6-19)
 - C. Losing his strength and freedom (16:20-22)
 - Sin deceives and destroys us (Hebrews 3:13; Proverbs 6:32). Pray diligently (1 Peter 5:8-9; Ephesians 6:18).

- IV. **Samson is finally broken**: Samson has a great victory as he dies (Judges 16:23-31).
 - A. Samson is captured and the Philistines gloat (16:23-25a)
 - B. "Bringing down the house" – Samson cries out to God for help and destroys more Philistines than ever as he dies in captivity (16:25b-31)
 - God is gracious to us if we humble ourselves in brokenness (James 4:6-10).

Principle: God may use us in disobedience, but will discipline us if we are proud and independent.