

Samson - Awesome Bible Adventures

And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, so the Lord gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years. And the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines." Judges 13:1, 3-4

When the people turned their hearts away from God, He sent someone to save them. He prepared Samson to defeat the Philistines. Samson should have followed God, but instead he chose his own way. God still redeemed His people through Samson but the disobedience cost Samson his eyes and his life.

Have you chosen to live God's way or are you living for yourself?

God gave Samson power, but Samson forfeited the gift for his selfish desires. In the end Samson repented of his willful ways and returned to God with all of his heart. If Samson had followed God's commands he could have lived a victorious life. Because of his disobedience his life was difficult and painful.

What are some of the ways we stray from God's will for us? How can we get back to where we belong?

The Tower of Babel

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. Genesis 11:4-8 ESV

We have two choices in life. We can live for God and He will bless us. The other choice is to live for ourselves. We can seek glory and fame for ourselves. Or we can seek to bring glory to Him.

Are you living your life to bring glory to yourself or are you listening to God and living His way?

All people spoke the same language. They became very selfish and turned their hearts away from God. They began to build a city and tower that would reach into the heavens to bring glory to themselves. God confused their plans by giving them many languages so that they could not understand each other. The people then scattered over the face of the whole earth and became many nations.

Imagine what it would be like if you woke up one morning and couldn't understand the people around you.

During the time of Samson, and also the Tower of Babel, people turned away from God's will for their lives. Instead of listening to Him and obeying Him the people did what was right in their own eyes. Even today people choose to do what they think is right. God wants us to seek His will and His ways.

Dear Lord, we thank You for the gift of Your word. Help us to live Your way instead of relying on what we think is right and wrong. Pour out Your love and grace on us. Forgive us when do wrong and help us to live for You. In Jesus' name, Amen