



Judges

Part #7 –
Samson

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Introduction

Key Scriptures

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- And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men. – Judges 15:16
- And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ramathlehi. – Judges 15:17



Introduction – Cont'd

Key Scriptures

- But God clave an hollow place that *was* in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof Enhakkore, which *is* in Lehi unto this day. – Judges 15:19
- Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her. – Judges 16:1
- And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah. – Judges 16:4



Keys

Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them. – Judges 15:11

And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web. – Judges 16:13

- Patterns and Patents
- Tradition
- The blindness of victories and success
- Too close to call?



In this lesson

Spiraling out of Control

- Patterns and Patents



Patterns and Patents

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Patterns and Patents – Cont'd

- Samson took out 1000 men with the jawbone of an ass
- We use things in life that are successful



Patterns and Patents – Cont'd

What would you do with the Jawbone?

- Sought out a taxidermist, bone preserver
- Had it placed in a museum
- Registered the jawbone in the library of congress
- Manufactured many samples from the prototype
- Gone to Shark Tank in search of an investor
- We would make a lot of those jawbones and called them samsonmites
- Make it a war weapon of choice and then sell it to other countries – saying proven in battle – Killed 1000!
- Welcome bilateral trade agreements for versions of the weapon



Patterns and Patents: Traditions – Cont'd

Look at the word – Trade.....Tradition

- Tradition is taking a thing that worked for you and making it available for a future generation
- Samson knew that even though the jawbone worked for him, the anointing left it and he threw it away!
- It had its place and season of use and then it was discarded
- Can you throw away success?



Patterns and Patents: Traditions – Cont'd

Look at the word – Trade.....Tradition

- You can be so preoccupied by your own success, that it can hinder you from going to the next success
- Tradition is frozen success
- Tradition is believing that your experience of God was be your children's experience
- Traditions means we have stopped learning
- Traditions are not bad, but they are worthless if the anointing has left it.



Patterns and Patents: Traditions – Cont'd

Look at the word – Trade.....Tradition

- It was not converted from a Trade to a Tradition
- Crisis comes to destroy traditions - That's why crisis are good!
- The thing that made our economy work for the last 60 years or so has been confused
- Many churches are dying now, because they are stuck in yesterday and refuse to change
- The things the churches used in the last 20 years are no longer relevant for today
- Change comes to make traditions obsolete



Patterns and Patents: Traditions – Cont'd

Look at the word – Trade.....Tradition

- This is the reason why much of what we are doing is no longer working.
- Samson was smart enough to know the anointing had left the jawbone.
- It was no longer useful for war but for holding water
- Samson had to reach out to the Lord to discover how to quench his thirst
- The Lord used the hollow of the Jawbone to quench his thirst, but it was still discarded
- That jawbone was never sold to another generation!



Conclusion

From the pages of Judges

- The Lord will work within the framework of your choices



Next Week

We will continue next week, still in the book of Judges