

“Of the Lord”
Judges 14:1-15:8
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I. Evaluation of Samson’s Exploits in this Account

- A. They were incredible.
- B. Yet Samson is not presented favorably as a person.
 - 1. He blatantly disobeyed God’s command to not marry people from unbelieving nations.
 - 2. He disregarded the wise and godly counsel of his parents.
 - 3. He knowingly violated his unclean status by eating unclean honey.
 - 4. He sought connection with the Philistine enemy.
 - 5. He did all these things because he’d found a woman who was “right in his eyes.”
- C. Samson’s disobedience reflected the whole nation’s rebellion at the time.
- D. Yet through Samson’s disobedience, God’s will was still accomplished (Judges 15:4).

II. Implications from God’s Work in this Account.

- A. God’s will is always done.
- B. It’s not just done *despite* the sins of men and women, but *in* and *through* the sins of everyone one in this world.

III. Applications from the Lessons of this Account

- A. Believers can take great comfort in knowing God’s plans will never be thwarted, not even by our own sins!
- B. But believers should not make the mistake of thinking things will go well for them in this life if they give way to sin. They didn’t for Samson.
- C. Yet believers can know that even our sin will not stop God from bringing us to our eternal home.