

Flawed Workers

Judges 13-16

INTRODUCTION:

Key verse: "But his father and mother did not know that it was of the Lord – that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines..." 13:4a

I. DECLARATION OF GOD'S DELIVERER – Judges 13

- A. An Unbelievable Promise vv.3-5
- B. An Unbelievable Power v.25

Godly parents prepare their children for God's work

II. DIVINE POWER AND YOUTHFUL FRAILTY– Judges 14

- A. Youthful Obedience vv. 1-4
- B. First Display of Spiritual Power vv. 5-9
- C. Riddles and Relationships 14:10-18
- D. Second Display of Power 14:19

Youthful enthusiasm may lead to poor decisions

III. DECISIONS AND THE RAMIFICATIONS – Judges 15-16

- A. Strength in Restraint 15:1-3; 10-13
- B. Weakness in Personal Vengeance 15:4-8
- C. Strength in Reliance Upon the Lord 15:14-20
- D. Weakness in Personal Decisions 16:1-2
 - Personal Fulfillment 16:1-3
 - Personal Entrapment 16:4-22

Poor decisions can lead to Dire consequences

IV. DESTRUCTION WITH GOD'S ENEMIES 16:28-30

God's servants do not always retire and die in their sleep
God works in the life of a repentant man

APPLICATIONS:

Samson lived with both bridled and unbridled desires, and it cost him in effective service for the Lord!

- God uses imperfect instruments to accomplish His Plan
- Earthly affections will make men face great danger and inconvenience, how much more should the love of Christ make us fearless
- Personal character is revealed early in life and left unchecked will impact adult decisions
- In the end the savior of the nation sacrificed himself to save his people
- Human desire is overruled by Divine Agendas
- Strengths can become our weakness when we depend on that instead of God