

Questions for Judges 14:1-20

1. Why did Samson want a Philistine wife and how was the Lord involved in this decision? Why did his parents oppose it? This incident is often used to show that Samson wasn't a type of Christ or even a good example. How should this incident impact our view of Samson as a faithful servant of God? (Verses 1-4)

2. What is significant about Samson tearing the lion apart, eating the honey, and not telling anyone about it? (Verses 5-9)

3. Why does the writer point out that Samson gave a feast like young men "used to do"? Who are the companions that approach Samson? What is the purpose of this riddle and what was at stake? (Verse 10-14)

4. How did the men determine to win the challenge and what did they threaten to do? How did Samson's wife entice him to explain the riddle? (Verses 15-17)

5. Why did Samson kill these men and why did the Spirit of the Lord come upon him to do it? Who did Samson give the changes of clothing to? (Verses 18-19)

6. Why was Samson's wife given to his best man? What was the Lord trying to accomplish through Samson with these events? (Verse 20)