

A STRONG WEAK MAN
JUDGES 13-16 / 11-12-17 / P.M.

I. SAMSON'S LIFE

A. His family.

1. His name means "distinguished".
2. He was from the tribe of Dan in far Northern Israel—13:1-2.
3. His birth was miraculous—13:3-5.
4. His unique gift from God was his amazing strength—14:6.

B. His history.

1. Married a non-Israelite woman—14:1-4.
2. He broke his Nazirite vow—14:8-9.
3. He personally killed 1,000 Philistines during one battle—15:14-15.
4. He became infatuated with Delilah, another pagan—16:4-6.
5. He was finally subdued by the Philistines—16:21-22.
6. He killed himself and thousands of Philistines in one final act—16:27-30.

II. HIS LESSONS

A. Negative lessons

1. His lack of self-control—14:1; 16:1, 16:4 Eph. 4:27.
2. He failed to keep his Nazirite vow.
3. Revenge was his motive for ridding Israel of the Philistines—15:3; Rom. 12:17-19.

B. Positive lessons.

1. He had glimpses of faith and trust in God—15:18-19.
2. He willingly was used by God to drive the Philistines out of Israel.
3. He reminds us of the importance of marrying inside the faith—2 Cor. 6:14.
4. He reminds us of the danger of living an ungodly life—James 4:4.

