

07-Judges-14-Transcript

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greetings brethren and welcome to another wednesday night bible study we're up to judges we covered 14 last week i just want to go back and pick up a couple verses from what we covered last week and then we'll cover god willing verse chapters 15 and 16 this week thank you for coming let's open with the word of prayer and then let's get into the study for this evening our heavenly father we pause as we always do to acknowledge you and to thank you the world is unraveling very very quickly everybody knows it father but we know something that most don't by your grace by your mercy we know that your word is truth and that it's a lamp to our feet and it explains and helps us to understand everything that is happening around us so we thank you father and we ask your blessing now in jesus name amen so brethren we are up to as i mentioned uh judges uh 15 but we'll just go back and uh pick up judges uh chapter 14. in fact i just want to go back and uh thanks pastor murray i just want to go back and pick up chapter 13 actually just just again for context uh we covered this last week but in chapter 13 and verse 1 and i think this is significant and again we just want to repeat this as we pick up the story of samson the children of israel

did evil again in the sight of the lord
this is like just a repeating pattern
that god sends these many saviors
because of his covenant with israel with
the patriarch
israel with abraham isaac in israel he
has a
an unbreakable covenant with them now
their children
keep breaking the covenant but because
god is
faithful he does not break the covenant
and as
we read judges i think you'll probably
come to the same conclusion
that i do that god's faithfulness is
overwhelming
he's overwhelming in his goodness to
israel that i would i would look at this
and think okay
after judges that's the end of the
relationship
with israel that that you know going
forward god picks another nation
but no he's faithful and so they
continue to do evil
and again we keep emphasizing this that
it's not that they're doing evil
or they think they're doing evil in fact
every man is doing what's right
in his own eyes but it's from god's
perspective
that they are doing evil so they
continue to do evil in the sight of the
lord
and the lord then delivered them god did
this
he delivered them into the hand of the
philistines
for how long for 40 years the
philistines are a
ruthless nation or were uh well the
palestinians today
descendants but the the philistines were

a ruthless
people a warmongering they loved war
they loved violence
and you can imagine 40 years is a long
time
but i think it's significant here that
40 years
israel was in the wilderness for 40
years why
so that that generation that was
faithless
could die off except for joshua and
caleb
so 40 years biblically is a generation
and then christ tells us in matthew 24
that this generation when these things
start to come to pass
this generation you know everything will
come to pass before this generation
uh ceases so if we use the biblical um
formula a generation is 40 years that's
a long time
to be under oppression so we're seeing
these things unraveling now
i'm not predicting any timeline i'm just
saying
god although he hadn't abandoned israel
he allowed them to be persecuted
oppressed
and humiliated and killed and
slaughtered for 40 years
but he still hadn't forgotten them they
they feel like he's forgotten them but
he hasn't
so he he raises up this judge samson
specifically and uniquely to release
israel from the bondage or to begin to
release israel from the bondage
of the israelites so so 40 years is a
long time
and it's a time of testing 40 is a
symbol of testing
and there's a lot of failure in that
40-year period in the wilderness

anciently but we can expect that what we know prophetically there will be within the church of god the people of god with the holy spirit there will be colossal failure during that 40-year period that so much is going to happen it's going to happen so quickly many will fail in that four i shouldn't say 40 years in the generation which i'm saying could be 40 years and then verse 5 of chapter 13 this is now how he god moves to deliver israel even though he's fed up with them even though they have been faithless they've betrayed him in every way in verse 5 for lo you shall conceive and bear a son and no razor shall come upon his head for the child shall be a nazirite unto god from the womb so you know it's 40 years that they've been under oppression and then god now moves to conceive this child to enable manoa's wife to conceive conceive this child the child is going to be a nazirite from the womb it's going to take some time for him to grow into maturity to bring down the philistines but god has not forgotten israel now he's to be a nazirite unto god he's devoted unto god he's holy unto god from the womb so the nazirite vow is something that any israelite could take for a period of time maybe they're going into war or they're going into some special circumstances so they want to separate themselves

unto the lord they would take this vow
so
the um
child is is separated holy unto god from
the womb
and he shall begin to deliver israel
out of the hand of the philistines so
the philippines philistines are ruthless
people
but god has not forgotten his people and
so this is the process
different nations have been oppressing
israel in this in the promised land
now they're under the oppression the
cruel oppression of the philistines
and then in verse 18 and the angel of
the lord or the
we we think angel but the hebrew is the
messenger
of the lord said unto him why do you ask
thus after my name
seeing it is secret and that that word
in the hebrew
means wonderful and i didn't cover this
last week but
he's saying my name is wonderful and
this is an indication to us
that this in fact is jesus christ
himself
that he is taking a personal interest in
the
deliverance of israel that he comes
personally
to visit manoa's wife and to give her
the instructions that this child
must be holy must be separated unto god
from birth so manoa took a kid
with a meat offering and offered it upon
a rock unto the lord
and the angel or the the messenger did
wondrously
and manoa and his wife looked on so the
angel would have accepted the offering
or the messenger

consumed the offering and then we saw
that it went up with the fire
now that word that's used in
judges 13 18 for wonderful
we see the same word or the root in
isaiah 9 and verse 6
where he says for unto us a child is
born unto us a son
is given and the government shall be
upon his shoulder and that us
is judah the child is delivered unto
judah and his name shall be called
wonderful and so this is the same hebrew
root
that is translated secret in judges
and this is how we can see more than
likely
this was jesus christ himself his name
shall be called wonderful counselor the
mighty god
the everlasting father the prince of
peace
a couple more verses i want to pick up
from last week for context
in let me just
do this here in um
verse 4 of chapter 14 but his father
and his mother knew not that it was of
the lord
that he so so he sampson has this lost
he sees this woman he wants the woman
they don't understand why would he want
to and from a woman from the
uncircumcised people
he's determined to have the woman they
just don't understand why can't he
choose an israelite woman is there so
many of the tribes he could choose from
his own tribe or the other tribes but no
he must have
the philistine woman but his father and
his mother
knew not that it was of the lord that he
sought an

occasion against the philistines so god
is allowing this he's actually
leveraging so ideally
samson would have been on the straight
and narrow
and been this this holy priest unto the
lord this nazarite
observing the vows and and god would
find a way to
to deliver israel through him
but samson was anything but faithful
to his vows so then it doesn't matter
god is faithful to his oath and so he's
going to find a way
and so he's going to actually use this
as a way to create
a provocation with the philistines but
his father and his mother
knew not that it was of the lord that he
sought an occasion against the
philippines philistines
for at that time the philistines
had dominion over israel these are
brutal
violent vile people and they have
complete
domination over israel and they've had
so for 40 years
or more and god is god wants to release
them from this bondage and so he's going
to find a way to create
this this this release for them
so he goes on to say
in verse 5 then samson went down and his
father
and his mother to timnath so so this is
a
part of the philistine area
so he went down there to timnath
and came to the vineyards of timnath and
behold a young lion roared against him
so
this is uh just the supernatural power
that he would have

that even though the most ferocious of
beasts he had this supernatural power
that he could handle this
and then in verse 18
the men of the city said unto him so so
we know the story that he
when he killed the lion when he went
back
there were a swarm of bees inside the
lion making
honey and he had some of that honey gave
some to his parents and he made up this
riddle
and then he posed the riddle to the
philistines during the wedding feast
to see if they could solve it by so they
would have seven days of feasting
the philistines were known for their
debauchery for their feasting for their
alcohol consumption they they sort of
seven days they would take this
opportunity to really go wild
but during the feast he poses this
riddle to them to say by the end of the
feast can you solve the riddle
so the men of the city said unto him on
the seventh day
before the sun went down so that's the
deadline and so before they reach the
deadline
what is sweeter than honey and what is
stronger
than a lion and he said unto them if you
had not plowed with my heifer
you had not found out my riddle so in
other words you cheated
okay you got it but you cheated you
didn't come about this fairly
and the spirit of the lord so god is
using this as an occasion now
the spirit of the lord came upon him
and he went down to ashkelon and slew
30 men of them and took their spoil
so so he was going to give them 30 uh

changes of garments
so he actually took it from the
philistines so this is a way of
enriching them
whoever whoever won the riddle would or
the bet would would be enriched
but he actually went and killed these
philistines took their clothing
and gave it to these people that solved
the riddle
and gave change of garments unto them
which expounded the riddle
and so he did that but his anger was
kindled and he left the feast and went
up to his father's house
but samson's wife was given to his
companion
whom he had used as his friend so he's
he's going into the philistine
city and he's having a philistine
wedding
and so there's no other israelites there
so he's going to use the philistine
people one of them
like his best man in different functions
of the wedding
so we come now to chapter 15. and let me
just quickly check
the comments here see hello from
christie
from dreama pasta murray uh
marlene from michigan robert kennedy
from montreal quebec
from quebec and then we have those on
the
on the chat as well i see you all there
wonderful wonderful to have you all here
so chapter
15 then it came to pass but it came to
pass
within a while after so some time has
passed now
in the time of the wheat heart of
harvest that

samson visited his wife with a kid
so you know he's he was angry he was
upset
now i think time has passed and he's
okay i'm going to go back and see my
wife and he brings a
a a a gift for her they're going to have
some meal together
and he said i will go in to my wife
into the chamber so we already know it's
not his wife anymore she's been given to
some
another man but he doesn't know that so
he's going to his wife into the chamber
but her father would not allow him to go
in
and her father said i verily thought
that you had utterly hated her
therefore i gave her to your companion
isn't her younger sister more beautiful
than her
take her i ask you instead of her so
you know clearly you can see women are
just property here
um you know you you wanted to marry this
one but my younger daughter is even more
beautiful
take her instead and sampson said
concerning them
now shall i be more blameless than the
philistines
though i do them a displeasure i'm going
to
strike the philistines i'm going to
really
uh do something significant here
that's going to be a horrible but i will
be justified
in doing this is what he's saying and
samson went
and caught 300 foxes
so you saw him with the lion and now we
see him
catch 300 foxes this again gives us a

sense
of his athleticism so clearly he's a
very strong man he's got an
explosive power and very fast
you know today we would think of usain
bolt the fastest man in the world at
least when he was in his prime
so he's got this kind of speed uh where
he can just go from zero to 60 instantly
and so fast he can catch these foxes 300
of them
and he took firebrands or you know think
of a stick with
fire on it and turned tail to tail
and put a firebrand between the two
tails so you can imagine how frightened
these foxes are to have their tails
catching fire
and and to me there's just a cruelty
here that
if he was raised well if he was parented
well
this type of cruelty he wouldn't have it
uh but i think
you know only child being barren for a
long time
parents are older i think they tended to
indulge him
and he became very narcissistic and and
i think these narcissists they don't
have
empathy they can't really feel the pain
of others everything's just about them
and so to do this to these animals i
think there's an element of cruelty here
nevertheless there's an element of
athleticism that enables him to do this
and so he put a fire brand between the
midst of the tails and when he had set
the brands on fire so
so 150 uh firebrands
300 foxes one between the tails
he let them go into the standing corn of
the philistines

and burnt up the the shocks or the
stacks uh and also the standing corn so
it's like you look at a farm and they're
going through and they're prepared
there's the wheat harvest so they're
gathering the
the harvest and they will put it in
stacks
and then there's others that they've
actually stored away so he's sending the
the foxes into not just the the stacks
but also that which is stored
this is quite a blow this is quite a
blow
an economic blow with the vineyards and
the olives
so the philistines are just stunned this
is this is unbelievable
the philistines said who has done this
and they answered
samson the son-in-law of the tim knight
because he had taken his wife and given
her to his companion so they understood
what was going on
they were able to answer right away this
is who did it and this is when this is
why he did it
and the philistines came up and noticed
this
and burnt her and her father with fire
these guys don't joke there's a there's
a cruelty there's a
a violent culture that
the israelites were to go in and wipe
these people out to replace them
completely
remove them from the promised land but
they didn't
they coexisted with them and you know
it's interesting that they here in verse
um six of chapter 15
they take the woman and her father and
they burn them with fire
now in chapter 14 that's what she was

trying to escape
it came to pass on the seventh day that
they said unto samson's wife
entice your husband that he may declare
unto us the riddle
lest we burn you and your father's house
with fire
so you know she tried to escape that
fate
in the end that's what happened to her
anyway so that's interesting
but what i also find interesting is
remember in chapter 12
the the conflict with the ephraimites
and jephthah
and what did the euphrates threaten
jephthah with a fellow israelite
we will burn your house upon you with
fire i think this is
clear evidence that israel was being
influenced
by the culture of the people around them
and instead of wiping these people out
they coexisted with them
and started to pick up their practices
so that brutality
that we see amongst the philistines we
now see it
among the israelites as well back to
chapter 15
verse 7.
and samson said unto them though you
have done this
what what they have done now with his
wife and the father's household and
burned them with fire
though you have done this yet will i be
avenged of you
and after that i will cease so
so now we see samson he's having some
sense of justice
that he's going to do something to
avenge himself of what everything
they've done to him

with the woman that he married and and
ultimately burning her
and her household her father's house
with fire
so he's going to take uh vengeance on
this
but there's some kind of it's measured
there's something he's going to do
and after he's done it then he will stop
so it's not
it's not limited wrath or unlimited
wrath
and he smote them hip and thigh
with a great slaughter this is
incredible so he's just
really so there even though it's somehow
limited
uh it's significant so he smote them hip
and thigh with a great slaughter
and went down and dwelt in the top
of the rock etam then the philistines
went up
and pitched in judah and spread
themselves in lahi
and so this is this is a military move
so so they make this military move
into into the territory of judah and uh
then the men of judah said why have you
come up against us like this is
very concerning you start to see these
ruthless people
uh pitching tent positioning themselves
uh
in your town and like they need to know
okay
what's happening what did we do we're
we've tried to do everything that you've
said
you know we know you have dominion over
us uh what's going on here
and the men of judah said why have you
come up against us
and they answered to bind samson have we
come up

to do to him as he has done to us
so it's interesting if you you know you
need to which side of the story are you
listening to
so samson feels like he needs to do to
them as they've done to him
now they feel like they need to do to
him as he's done to them so each side is
justifying themselves
so they they want to take care of the
samson character
for what he's done to them then he's
done quite a bit you know the economic
blow
and then with the jawbone how many men
of uh
the philistines he slaughtered
now so they surround judah or they move
in to take judah
as if their military move on judah they
explain why
listen to this then 3 000
men of judah went to the top of the rock
etham so they knew where he was
and said to samson know you not
that the philistines are rulers over us
i think are you some kind of
troublemaker
don't you know that we are in submission
to the philistines and we have accepted
this and we don't want any trouble what
have you done
you know we are we are um slaves
to the philistines i know i know we were
slaves in egypt and we and god delivered
us from egypt
well now we're slaves in the promised
land to the philistines don't you
understand that
are you stupid don't you know that the
philistines are rulers over us
and that and what is this
that you have done to us like you have
really jeopardized our lives here

you've put our lives in peril are you
are you a troublemaker
now what's interesting
is this is 3 000
men who've all accepted this fate
of being slaves to
the philistines it's not it's not three
men
it's 3 000 that are saying
we are the children of israel this is
the land that god
promised us and we have totally accepted
the reality that we are slaves
to the philistines the uncircumcised
and so rather than the 3 000 men
going to samson and saying what is this
tell us about this great slaughter
that you've had over the philistines and
and is god if god is with you
maybe if we join forces with you we can
eliminate these people all together no
that's not how they think
they don't have this overcoming
mentality
they just have this subserve they've
been just made docile
and he said unto them as they did unto
me
so have i done unto them so they're
saying we have to do unto him as he did
unto us
he's saying i did unto them as they did
unto me
so now let's just sort of bring this up
to date for us what can we learn
from from this story of samson so far
we know that excuse me a second
we know that in matthew 10
jesus christ this is red letter this is
your christ's own words he says
and into whatsoever city or town you
shall enter
inquire who in it is worthy and there
abide

till you go thence and the brother
shall deliver up the brother to death
and the father the child and the
children shall rise up against their
parents
and cause them to be put to death so
this is
prophecy ahead of us
that just as these 3 000 men rather than
realize samson is their brother
and there's no way they're going to give
up their brother to the philistines they
would rather
die free men than live as slaves
no they'd rather live as slaves and give
up their brother
and that's what we're going to see ahead
of us that
the covenant will be broken there will
be covenant breakers
and the brother will deliver up the
brother to death why will we see from
judah
they see the philistines moving into
military formation
and they're terrified they're like what
what have we done we didn't do anything
wrong we've been very obedient well
we've come to get samson
oh okay well no problem we'll get samson
for you so this is why the brother will
deliver once once
you know my life is at risk i'll sell
out everybody
if i'm not filled with the holy spirit
once my life is at risk i'll sell out
everybody to keep myself alive even if
it means living as a slave
that's how the carnal mind thinks god
keeps
reminding us i'm commanding you to love
one another
love one another and he that shall
endure unto the end

meaning retaining the holy spirit and
loving one another till the end
the same shall be saved so the brother
shall deliver up the brother to death
and the father the child
and the children will even rise up
against their parents and cause them to
be put to death so there's some kind of
ideology
that is going to creep into their minds
that's going to make this seem
acceptable
but it's all i believe going to be based
on the fear that we see in judah
in judges and then in verse 22
and you shall be hated of all men for my
name's sake
but he that endures to the end shall be
saved
so we have to make sure that we go
christ's words abide in us to the end
and notice in matthew 24 now
many false prophets shall rise and shall
deceive many so this is the counterpart
to matthew 10 luke 21
here again in matthew 24 this whole
state of affairs in the end time
and you know part of it what's going to
lead part of i think there's two
dimensions to this
one dimension is fear that it will be a
frightful time it will be a perilous
time and people will be very fearful
including church members the other piece
of it
is ideology false ideas philosophy
and i think that we don't understand
how important ideas are
think of ideas i want you to think of
ideas in two ways
one way is that ideas are viruses
and they're contagious so someone hears
an idea
and they they they think it's true and

they accept it
and then they spread it and and then you
know
the saying people don't have ideas ideas
have people
ideas possess people so ideas are
viruses they're contagious
the other way that i want you to think
about ideas or the other dimension of
ideas
is i believe that ideas
are gateways to the spirit world
let me explain what i mean the gospel
is an idea the kingdom of god
is an idea we preach the gospel
somebody hears the gospel they're moved
by the gospel
they investigate the gospel they search
the scriptures
and they come to be convinced that the
gospel is true
they come to the point then of being
baptized
but in that process beginning with the
idea
of the gospel they give themselves over
to god
and now because of that idea
they are now under the influence of the
spirit world
the holy spirit now has influence over
them and in their mind
but the door that opened was an idea
so ideas are gateways to the spirit
world
so we see how it works with the gospel
and the holy spirit
i'm proposing that the exact same thing
happens in the demonic world
that ideas are viruses they catch on
they're contagious
and so somebody hears an idea
and it's subtle it's crafty but they
fall for the idea

that's why it says many false teachers
shall rise they'll be preaching
false ideas and they'll deceive many
and so with those false ideas now
there are there you know think of these
ideas as um
so the gospel is ultimately a a
attitude of love
agape ultimately the gospel leads to
this attitude of agape
every other idea will ultimately lead to
an attitude of
hatred that many will betray
hatred and envy what did solomon say
when somebody dies their love their
hatred and their envy dies with them
so on the one hand we have love on the
other we have hatred
and envy so these ideas think of our
culture today we talk about
cancel culture that people cancel you
they de-person you
that's an idea that's an idea of hatred
and so as you adopt these ideas and with
the attitudes that go with them that
opens you up
or opens one up to the spirit world the
demonic world
and so we're seeing now incredible
violence
it's like a contagion that how is
everybody getting swept up in this
and doing things that were unimaginable
10 years ago
20 years ago now it's commonplace you
see these this mob mentality
because ideas have gotten into people's
heads and those ideas have opened them
up to demonic influence
in first timothy 4 and verse 1
the spirit speaks openly the spirit is
very very clear about this there should
be no confusion
and therefore no excuse the spirit

speaks expressly
that in the latter times some shall
depart from the faith
the faith is an idea the faith is an
idea
and they will give up that idea they
will give up that concept that that
world view
and they'll adopt something else that
false teachers are
preaching and in doing that they will
give heed
to seducing spirits and notice this
doctrines or ideas
of devils teachings from devils
so we have to be very this is why we as
elders fight so hard
to withstand and repel
false ideas because it's not just about
ideas
it's about brethren open and opening
themselves
up to demonic influence and we cannot
stand
by and watch that happen when
we all ultimately stand before jesus
christ alone
with nobody else just us in christ
these people will have no excuse because
the spirit speaks expressly
and we have warned vehemently beware of
these false ideas
so that you with these false teachers
and false ideas
one opens themselves up to
doctrines of devils and seducing spirits
and so
what we're seeing in the world today
will even spill out
uh spill over into the church speaking
lies in hypocrisy
notice this having their conscience
seared with a hot iron
when your conscience is seared you're

capable of anything
and so we can betray brother we can have
brother put to death
we can kill the child we can kill the
parent
we can we can be horrible people
but these ideas have seared our
conscience
if the idea of the god family stays in
our mind
and we retain that love until the end we
can never do these things
but if we give heed to seducing seducing
spirits the ideas sound good
oh they sound so lovely there's good
rhetoric they're seducing
but then it opens us up to the demonic
world
and we give heed to it and then our
conscience is seared
in first john 4 the apostle john
says beloved believe
not every spirit come on have a bit of
spiritual common sense
it's going to sound good
even though it's men talking but it's
doctrines of demons
so the idea is we must know what is the
source of this idea
and christ says you shall know them by
their fruit what what fruit do they have
so please brethren my beloved beloved
brethren
don't believe every spirit don't be
gullible don't be naive
have a bit of discernment instead
test the spirits whether they are of god
because as christ told us christ
prophesied and here we are
many false prophets or false teachers
are gone out into the world
there's a lot of false ideas being
taught and as those ideas get accepted
like a contagion they spread and as more

and more people take them on
society becomes more and more demonic
darker
and so we're watching what's happening
to our civilization
we thought we were civilized people we
thought we were going forward and
advancing
now we seem to be going backwards so the
demonic world seems to have
clearly a hold on society
but it must not have a hold on god's
people
hereby this is how this is how
we know hereby know you the spirit of
god
every spirit that confesses
that jesus christ has come in the flesh
is of god
so we need to look at these doctrines
and we need to see
do they promote the truth
of jesus christ as the only begotten son
of god
the the almighty and do they accept and
promote that
or are they teaching a doctrine that
destroys the concept of family
father son nuclear family are they
teaching an idea to destroy that
ah doctrine of demons
this is how we know the spirit of god
every spirit that confesses that jesus
christ has come in the flesh
is god so there's a family structure
when christ comes
that he portrays and every spirit
that does not confess that jesus christ
has come in the flesh
is not of god there's there's gonna be a
lot of false teachers this is the acid
test
and this is that spirit of antichrist
and so if you know brethren that are

being swept up in false ideas
we need to bring their attention to this
scripture
hey come on is this teaching
exalting jesus christ as the only
begotten son of god
as god almighty as the family or
is it the opposite is it trying to
destroy that idea
because that idea is the only idea that
can save mankind
there's nothing else so any idea that
runs counter to this
is of the devil every spirit that
confesses not that jesus christ is come
in the flesh is not of god
and this is that spirit of antichrist so
anybody who would say they're going to
destroy the nuclear family
which is which is how the part of how
the gospel is preached
god gives us the nuclear family so that
we can understand
what he's doing on his dimension so if
somebody is has a doctrine an idea
that's contagious
that is setting out to destroy the
nuclear family this is spirit of
antichrist
whereof you have heard that it should
come and even now
already is it in the world back to
judges so these things and judges are
not just
you know passive history that you know
one day when you have spare time i
didn't give it a read
and it'll be interesting and all those
stupid israelites they're just so dumb
no human beings are the same
and the covenant people of god without
the holy spirit
are the same and the love of many will
wax cold

so as the holy spirit leaves brethren
we will expect to see behavior not
dissimilar
to what we see here in judges verse 12
and they said unto him we are come down
to bind you that we may deliver you into
the hand of our enemy the philistines
the uncircumcised i know you're our
brother we're we're here to betray
you and to turn you over to the
philistines
and samson said unto them swear unto me
that you will not fall upon me
yourselves so
samson's quite willing to go even though
they're going to betray him
he's quite willing to go as long as they
don't kill him
so yeah go ahead and deliver me into the
philistines i've got a great track
record with
with defeating the philistines so it's
actually an opportunity for me
so just swear that you won't betray me
you won't kill me yourself
and they spoke unto him saying no but we
will bind you
fast we're going to bind you really
tightly because we don't want any
trouble you you are a troublemaker
and we don't want any trouble you know
we don't know this is uh
how how slave mentality works even if
you think of the north american
uh slavery and here in north america in
america
um the slaves you had the sort of the
house negroes and the field negroes
and the house negroes were like we don't
want any trouble they want any trouble
just we we accept our lot whereas those
in the field we're always trying to
fight to find a way to to
to break the bondage well that's just

the mentality of slaves
so we don't want any trouble so we're
going to bind you tightly
and deliver you into their hand because
we don't want any trouble
but surely we won't kill you and they
bound him
with two new cords
and brought him up from the rock so they
bind him
basically they've arrested him bound him
with new cords so that they will be
really strong
and they bring him and when he came into
lahi
the philistines shouted against him so
they're excited they
see him he's bound and the spirit of the
lord
came mightily upon him god loves his
people
he is in covenant love with his people
and he's going to deliver them from the
oppression of the philistines even
though
they don't deserve it but because of his
oath
he will not break his oath
the philistines shouted against him and
the spirit of the lord came mightily
upon him
and the cords that were upon his arms
became as flax that was burnt with fire
and his bands loosed from off his hands
so so they thought they you know they
had the upper hand they were really
excited
and he found a new jawbone of a donkey
so think of the jawbone of a donkey so
he
has a handle and then the hook part
and put forth his hand and took it
and slew a thousand men there with
so that is quite something so they're

all ready to take him he's bound
they're excited they're shouting and he
finds this jawbone
and you know throughout it's amazing how
when we trace the uh
the history here in judges there's
always these weapons that are just
unlikely weapons
israel is under oppression they don't
have strong military weapons
but there's some you know it's a tent
peg it's a special knife it's a
you know a jawbone god is always there
and it doesn't matter what the enemy has
what military might the enemy has
when israel has god with the jawbone of
a donkey
heaps upon heaps with the jaw of a
donkey
have i slain a thousand man that is
something else a thousand men
in military formation ready and he slays
a thousand of them
and it came to pass when he had made an
end of speaking
so he declares his victory he cast away
the jawbone
out of his hand and called that place
meaning the the jaw jawbone and rameth
meaning hill
so the hill of the jawbone and so that's
his victory he's quite
proud of this this is the name he gives
this place
and he was really thirsty he was sore
thirst that was a lot of athleticism a
lot of work
in the heat really dehydrated now
and called on the lord and said you have
given
this great deliverance into the hand of
your servant so that statement right
there
and why he wasn't fearful about going

into the hands of the philistines
he knew from birth that he was set aside
for this purpose
and in taking down the lion in all of
these
um defeats that the philistines suffered
up to now
he knew that he had special powers over
the philistines
uh so and he knew that that power came
from god
and he acknowledges it here you have
given this great deliverance into the
hand of your servant
and now shall i die for thirst
and fall into the hand of the
uncircumcised so this this doesn't make
sense to him so he
uh appeals to god but god claimed a
hollow place that was in the jaw
and there came water there out so he had
thrown the jaw down now he can pick it
up again and see water come out of it
and when he had drawn it you know it's a
perfect weapon but it probably is like a
ladle now
uh to drink from and when he had drunk
his spirit came again and that that
basically that means he was revived so
um
where he was dying and just really
dehydrated this this water now revived
him
and he revived therefore he called the
name thereof
enact
which is in unto this day so that just
means
um you know the calling out the one who
called out
and and got a response and he
judged israel in the days of the
philistines 20 years so
again this word judge let's be careful

this doesn't mean like a supreme court
judge
and the people are coming to him and
saying what do you think about this and
my neighbor did this and what do you
think and what's your judgment it's not
that
it's he's a savior of israel so for
for the day in the for 20 years now
he is constantly overcoming the
philistines and delivering the
philistines he's a mini savior
he's delivering the the diligent
delivering israel from the philistines
that's what it means
that he judged
then went samson to gaza so the same
gaza
to this day uh this was philistine
territory
so he went to gaza and saw there a
harlot this is the man who just said god
i know you you delivered them into my
hand
i don't want to die from thirst and then
they can take me over you've answered my
prayers
so this man knows that god is the one
enabling him
and yet he is so impulsive he is so
lustful he's just so undisciplined
in his appetites and again i think this
has something to do with the way he was
parented
that he's so narcissistic he's so
impulsive he has no impulse control
uh just whatever he wants he wants and
go and get me that woman and i want this
now
then went sampson to gaza and sarah
there a harlot a prostitute
and went into went in unto her nothing
to him even though god just delivered
they gave him this mighty deliverance

and it was told the gazites saying
samson has come here and they surrounded
him

and gazettes are just philistines just
in this particular city
and they surrounded him and laid wait
for him all night
in the gate of the city and were quiet
all the night saying in the morning when
it is day

we shall kill him so they know now where
he is they finally know his whereabouts
at some point he has to come out of the
city so they'll just wait till the
morning

and when the gate so the gates are
closed all night but when the gates all
morning and when he tries to
they're going to put him to death and
samson he didn't stay till the morning
he lay till midnight and arose at
midnight so he

had his relations he falls asleep then
he wakes up at midnight
and then he arose at midnight and he
doesn't have to wait for the
the city gates these big iron gates
and the philistines actually were very
good with iron and that made them very
advanced as a civilization

he doesn't have to wait for them to
unlock the gates he took the doors of
the gate of the city
and the two posts and went away with
them

bar and all this man is powerful
he is just raw power and he knows that
it's because of god that he has this
power

and put them upon his shoulders
and carried them up to the top of a hill
that is before hebron
and it came to pass afterwards so again
this is

the man's character and we what should
be really really clear here by now if we
haven't gotten it by now
is god does not need perfect people to
deliver his people
the judges are not of perfect character
i mean othniel
it was the best and then since arthurial
it's just been going downhill
and samson is horrible he has
horrible character and today you know
people will say oh
you know the president is a womanizer
therefore god can't use him
uh no no womanizer like samson
this is a real womanizer the point is
not
samson's character the point is
god's covenant with his people and his
mercy upon
his people and he will use imperfect
judges
to deliver his people
it came to pass afterwards that he loved
the woman
in the valley of sorak whose name was
delilah and you never hear
samson loving an israelite woman
i was just always going after these
these foreign women
and the lords of the philistines came up
unto her
and said unto her entice him
and see wherein his great strength lies
and by what means we may prevail against
him
so the philistines
as pagans worshiping idols
they are open to demonic influence
and what we see here is satan's desire
just to withstand god's intervention
and so he wants to figure out how by
what means
may we prevail against him and i think

in our walk
as christians with the holy spirit
we can imagine that satan is as satan's
demons are asking the very same thing of
us
by what means can they prevail against
us
and each one of us has our different
achilles heel
and they're watching they've been
studying from birth
and so we need to be very very careful
and samson's mistake was was
being unequally yoked
and we need to be very very careful
especially now
at the time that we're heading into we
cannot put ourselves in position
where we are unequally yoked and we're
married to someone who has a completely
different set of priorities than we do
because the world is going to change
it's going to change very rapidly
and satan and his demons are constantly
asking by what
means may they prevail against us
so entice him and see wherein his great
strength lies
and by what means we may prevail against
him that we may bind him to afflict him
and we will give you every one of us
1100 pieces of silver
this is this is this woman that he loves
that he's intimate with
and she can be bought off for money
and delilah said to sampson so he's like
okay no problem i'd love that so how
much is she getting
she's getting 1100 pieces of silver from
every one of them
that's quite a lot of money no problem
i'll definitely do this
it's not like she's saying look we
actually have an affection for this man

i don't want to harm him no
she's happy to sell him out and delilah
said to samson
tell me i pray you wherein your great
strength lies
and with what you might be bound to
afflict you
and sampson said to her and so this is
obviously you know they're an intimate
moment and she's just oh lying on his
shoulder and no tell me this
and samson said unto her if they bind me
with seven green
widths that were never dried then shall
i be weak
and be as another man
and then the lords of the philistines
brought up to her seven green wits which
had not been dried
and she binds him with them i mean uh
hey hello samson there's a clue that she
does not have your best interests at
heart
you know proverbs 31 says who can find a
virtuous woman
her price is far above rubies you can't
buy her off
she will do him good and not evil all
the days of his life
men young men choose wisely young ladies
choose wisely
that that bond and again this is a
doctrine that it's a
when you accept the gospel and you
understand the family of god and you
understand that the marriage
pictures jesus christ and his bride
that's an idea and that idea opens us up
to
influence of the holy spirit in our
marriage
so she betrays him and he should see
very clearly this woman means me no good
but obviously she's very skilled in her

arts and her seduction
as a philistine woman she would be and
he's just
enraptured by this now
there were men lying in wait listen to
this
abiding with her in the chamber this is
how demons work
abiding with her in the chain this is a
major betrayal
she's supposed to be intimate with this
man and she's got
men in the chamber waiting lying in wait
and she said unto him the philistines be
upon you samson
and he broke the with says a thread of
toe is broken when it touched
the fire so his strength was not known
and delilah said unto samson behold
you have mocked me and told me lies
now tell me i beg you we're with you
might be bound
so and again she's got some kind of
influence over him i mean we're just
reading the highlights here but they
actually have a relationship
and there are certain moments when she
chooses to to have this conversation
with him like come on
tell me this and he said unto her
if they bind me fast with new ropes that
were never occupied
then shall i be weak and be as another
man
delilah therefore took i mean come on
now samson please
i mean red flag you should you see
what's happening
delilah therefore took new ropes and
bound him there with and said unto him
the philistines be upon you samson
and there were liars in wait abiding in
the chamber imagine that they're being
intimate

and they're waiting and he broke them
off
his arms like a thread and delilah said
unto samson
up to now you have mocked me.
and you've told me lies tell me where
with you might be bound
and he said unto her if you weave the
seven locks of my head
with the web so it's interesting that
his hair grew into so he was a nazirite
from birth
so however the locks clumped together
there were seven of them
if you weave the seven locks of my head
with the web and she fastened it with
the pin
and said unto him the philistines be
upon you samson
and he awaked out of his sleep and went
away with the pin of the beam
and with the web and she said unto him
listen to what she says unto him
and this is how you know they actually
have an intimate relationship
and she said unto him how can you say i
love you
so this fool this idiot
this spiritual imbecile is with this
philistine woman
who clearly doesn't love him who clearly
is
willing to betray him but he's oh i love
you i love you so much
you're just you you mean the world to me
you're i love you i love you i love you
i love you
and she's saying how can you say that
okay so that's you're saying you love me
when your heart is not with me
you have mocked me these three times and
you've not told me where in your great
strength lies
and it came to pass when she pressed him

daily with her words why is she pressing
him daily because that's a lot of money
the scripture says the love of money is
the root of all evil
and so today if we want to understand
the evil that's taking place in the
world
we just need to understand follow the
money
people can be bought off she was bought
off
and she pressed him that's a lot of
money she pressed him daily she doesn't
care that he's going to be tortured and
put to death
she pressed him daily with her words and
urged him
so that his soul was vex he couldn't
leave her she had some kind of a hold on
him
whatever that hold was he's like i love
you i love you i love you i love you i
love you
he's held in place she's like you got to
tell me you got to tell me you got
to tell me and maybe just at these
special moments and please tell me and
she's whining and she's pressing and
she's throwing an anger and she's
everything you've got to tell me that
his soul was vexed unto death
then so he finally just he told her all
his heart
he should have fled but she had some
kind of hold on him
and you know we've got to be careful
when we allow ourselves to be in these
situations
where we're constantly exposed just to
to to negative influence then he told
her all his heart
and said unto her there has not come a
razor upon my head
for i have been a nazirite unto god from

my mother's womb so he understood the
oath
very well and very clearly and although
he has broken
every aspect of the oath this is one
aspect of the oath that he hasn't broken
the hair for i have been a nazirite unto
god from my mother's womb
if i be shaven which that means the oath
that's what you do when you
shave the oath is now ended
if i be shaven then my strength will go
from me
and i shall become weak and be like any
other man so
these men these philistines are strong
men he'll be a you know typical strong
man
but not this supernatural strength where
he could slay a thousand men with a
jawbone
and when delilah saw that he told her
all his heart this is different now
like she can see okay i got him like he
has really
this is it he's being transparent
so now that she's like he is just
totally vulnerable now
does she say like wow you really do love
me
and then i love you and when delilah saw
that he had told her all his heart she
sent and called for the lords of the
philistines she called the leaders
okay i've got him now remember the money
you promised
saying come up immediately for he has
shown me all his heart so this
idiot this spiritual imbecile doesn't
see that there's no relationship here he
thinks there is she despises him
she looks at him and he's a horror she's
some kind of beast to her
but he thinks they're in love and he can

show her this and it's
everything will be fine the lords of the
philistines came up unto her
and brought money in their hands so they
okay we've got it here here's the money
we see that this is the real deal
and she made him sleep upon her knees
now how did she do that
well he's telling her i love you i love
you i love you and she's telling him oh
i love you i love you too sam i love you
i love you i love you i love you and so
she
gets him to sleep upon her knees
and she called for a man and she caused
him to shave off the seven locks of his
head so she's she's a
clever woman she knows how to use her
feminine wiles exhaust him
get him to go into a nice deep sleep and
everything's just perfect now
she's using her head he has no idea
what's going on
he thinks they're in love so now this
man is able to shave the seven locks of
his head
and she began to afflict him she
despised him
all of that intimacy she hated it she
hated him
but there's money involved and she began
to afflict him
and his strength went from him
and she said the philistines be upon you
samson
and he awoke out of his sleep and said
no problem
here come the philistines i i have
broken every vow of this nazarite vow
and god has always been good to me so no
problem
i will go out as at other times before
and again you know we have brethren
who play with sin there are people in

the church committing adultery
people in the church committing
fornication and
god doesn't act right away people in the
church lying stealing
god doesn't act right away
and therefore we think we get away with
it and then
our heart grows more confident and we
think that oh
you know we can still come to services
and everything is fine
but there's a time when it's not fine
anymore god allows gives you know gives
space for repentance
but at some point god's patience runs
out
but here the vow ends
when you cut the locks off and so now
the vow is over he doesn't realize this
is different now
i will go out as at other times before
and shake myself
but he didn't know that the lord was
departed from him
he didn't know that and we have to be
careful
you know what does john 15 say
christ says in john 15 that he's the
true vine
and his father is the husbandman and
every
uh branch that does not bear fruit
the father takes away and then in
matthew 24
he says the love of many shall wax cold
and brother shall betray brother
so as brother is
influenced by false teachings and false
ideas and false doctrines and opens
themselves up
to seducing spirits
they begin to lose the holy spirit which
is what john 15 is saying

that the father will remove them so they
can still be in the assembly
they're still coming to services they're
still keeping the sabbath but the holy
spirit is being taken from them
and as the holy spirit is being taken
from them god is removing them
and cutting them off from the true vine
and but they don't realize god is not
with them anymore because it's a gradual
process
and so we need to be so careful brethren
and cling to christ
and abide in him and let his words let
his words abide in us
don't accept the doctrines of demons
don't don't don't you know uh
cozy up to seducing spirits
the way samson coded out cozies co
cozied up to a seducing spirit
he didn't know that the lord was
departed from him
brethren will not know that the father
has removed them
they'll just find that or we will we
will observe they have attitudes of
hatred
they're easily provoked they're not
easily entreated
this is the father removing them from
the true vine
but the philistines took him and what
did they do
they put out his eyes his eyes that got
him into so much trouble
his eyes that he just everything he
lusted for he went after
and that's the first thing they did so
that's sort of just punishment
and brought him down to gaza and bound
him with fetters of brass
and he did grind in the prison house so
he's just a slave now
pushing this mill grinding the wheat how

be it
the hair of his head began to grow again
after he was shaven
so it's as if he's going back into this
because he's said to be a nazirite so
he's going back into the vow
and the lord of the philistines gathered
them together for to offer a great
sacrifice
unto dagon their god and to rejoice
for they said our god has delivered
samson
our enemy into our hand so imagine that
samson
actually enabled these uncircumcised
to praise their god dagon
and when the people saw him they praised
their god for they said our god dagon so
the philistines they are
they worshipped ashtareth they
worshipped baal zabob
they also worshiped dagon so here they
are
our god dagon has delivered into our
hands our enemy
and the destroyer of our country which
slew many of us
so they were just so so happy and it
came to pass
when their hearts were merry again they
were very good at feasting even though
they were violent when they play
uh they play when their hearts were
merry they said call for samson
that he may make a sport so they haven't
seen him for a while he's grinding uh
going go and retrieve him and we can
just laugh at him
and they called for samson out of the
prison house and he made them sport
and they set him between the pillars
and samson said unto the lad that held
him by the hand
allow me that i may feel the pillars

where upon the house stands
that i may lean upon them now the house
was full of men and women
big party big festival they're really
having a great time
and all the lords of the philistines
were there and they were upon the roof
about
three thousand men and women that beheld
samson
that beheld while samson made sports so
they're mocking him they're getting him
to do things
3 000 men and women on the roof i
believe there's a lot people
inside the house as well and samson
called unto the lord
and said oh lord god so he's had a lot
of time to think he's got a lot of time
to reflect he's been looking back on a
very
failed life but now he's at the end
of his life and he called unto the lord
and said oh lord god remember me i pray
you i beg you
and strengthen me i beg you only this
once oh god
that i may be at once avenged of the
philistines from my two eyes
so he's not really thinking of israel as
a whole he's again just very
narcissistic
and he wants he wants to take his
vengeance out on the philistines
and samson took hold of the two middle
pillars
upon which the house stood and on which
it was born up
of the one with his right hand and of
the other with his left so he knows what
he's going to do
he understands sort of the architecture
of the building
and samson said let me die with the

philistines
and so you know he's not afraid of death
now he wants to do this last act
and he bowed himself with all his might
and the house
fell upon the lords and upon all the
people that were therein
so the dead which he slew at his death
were
more than they which he slew in his life
and again that was a great act of faith
he prayed to god he asked god to give
him that faith he knew he was going to
die
but he he did this out of faith and so
for that
we see in hebrews 11 he's mentioned in
the hall of faith
and what more and what shall i more say
for the time would fail me to tell of
gideon
and of barrack and of samson
and of jephthah of david also and samuel
and of the prophets
who through faith subdued kingdoms
wrought righteousness ordained promises
stopped the mouths of lions so samson
through faith had this great act at the
end of his life
but clearly i hope it's clear he was no
perfect judge
that's not the point the point is god
raised him up
to do a work and through faith he did
that work
and then the chapter ends then his
brethren
and all the house of his father came
down and took him
and brought him up and buried him
between zorah
and eshtaol in the burying place of
manoa his father
and he had judged israel 20 years

so that's the career of samson uh
now we're moving into the final phase
of the history of israel in the judges
and god willing we'll pick that up in
chapter 17.

and just a warning it's ugly
it's ugly as we go forward especially as
we get into chapter 19 viewer discretion
is certainly advised so you might want
to think about you know read ahead
and see whether or not you know if
you're listening with your family or
whatever

uh it's pretty bizarre and uh
unfortunate and and very detailed
so well in there brethren thanks so much
for joining

uh what a great god we serve jesus
christ is lord
god bless