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Series: Judges: Mankind Exposed

Title: What We Don't Yet Know...

Text: Judges 14



INTRODUCTION

Note: We are in a blessed and privileged position! What was “hidden” to those in this chapter is revealed and open to us SO THAT we would not “go down” (as Samson did!) but that our hearts and minds would be _____ to see the beauty and glory of Christ!

(Judges 13:24-25)

I. THE CONTINUAL COMFORT OF STEADFAST SOVEREIGNTY

Judges 14:1-3 -

1) Samson, who was so strong physically, was so weak when it came fighting his lust and those desires that were waging a war against his _____!

(1 Kings 11:1-4)

Note: When it comes to getting married and choosing a spouse, the most important thing is to look for someone who loves _____ and is passionately committed to Him!

(2 Corinthians 6:14-16a)

Note: Not every desire is your friend. We all must wrestle with and fight (daily!) against deceitful desires that would gladly _____ us!

(1 Peter 2:11 and Matthew 11:28-30)

Judges 14:4 -

2) What we don't yet know can be a source of profound comfort and _____ to us!

"When HE [God!] summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread, HE [God!] had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave." (Psalm 105:16-17)

"...you meant evil against me, but GOD meant it for GOOD..." (Genesis 50:20)

Judges 14:5-9 -

3) God is _____ to protect and to supply Samson with strength even though Samson seems to have little regard for his Nazirite vow.

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."
(Psalm 103:8)

Judges 14:10-20 -

4) If this story troubles you... that's fine! It probably should! Samson was not a "good man"; he was a sinner in desperate need of God's grace and God's Spirit. This chapter should remind us that there is **ONLY ONE** truly good man who has ever lived; His name is _____, and He came to save sinners like Samson and like us!

(Romans 8:1-4)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What two themes or ideas run throughout this chapter? Why are they important?
2. What do we learn about Samson in this chapter? In what ways is he strong? In what ways weak?
3. Considering 1 Peter 2:11, how do some passions/desires wage war against our souls?
4. What is comforting about Judges 14:4? What is mysterious about this verse/statement?
5. How do you see God showing grace, patience, and kindness to Samson throughout this chapter?
How has God shown you similar grace, patience, and kindness?