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INTRODUCTION

Matthew 15:7-9 and Galatians 5:22-24

Note: Our motives matter to God, and the good news is that we can continually seek His help and grace for inward transformation, for realigning our hearts to love Him more!

Judges 14:4, 19-20

I. TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Judges 15:1-3 -

1) We can live “small” lives, being consumed and focused on self, OR we can see life, ourselves, our talents, our gifts, and our relationships in view of GOD and His glory!

Colossians 1:15-17; 1 Samuel 17:45-47; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Judges 15:4-8 -

2) Even though Samson was not a shining example of godly virtue, he did clearly show and demonstrate the foolishness of opposing God and His people!

Psalms 2:11-12 and John 3:36

Judges 15:9-13 -

3) The people of God have a very problematic and unhelpful tendency to forget, to forget who they are and to Whom they belong!

2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 5:13; Rom. 6:12-14; John 8:12; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Phil. 1:6

Judges 15:14-17 -

4) There is NO true, lasting victory for the enemies of God. Any joy or apparent victory that they have will fade away; it will not last.

Romans 16:20

Judges 15:18-20 -

5) Samson judged Israel for 20 years; there's a lot that we don't know about his life and his work as a judge! But one thing we do know is this: Samson needed to learn and to experience dependence upon God.

Psalms 115:1

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

1. What seems to be motivating Samson in verses 1-7? As followers of Christ, what should be motivating us? How is Samson different from David (in 1 Samuel 17:45-47)?
2. Why did the men of Judah come to Samson to arrest him? What were they thinking? What had they forgotten? How are we tempted to do/say/forget similar things?
3. What does Samson show us and teach us about dependence upon God? Why do we so easily forget the goodness and generosity of God in our lives?
4. Can you think of some times in your life when you have experienced the amazing provision of God? How can you use those instances to glorify God and to encourage others in their faith?