

Sermon Notes

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"The Best and the Worst in Men" Judges [13-16](#)

Samson was a **judge** in Israel for **20** years, in the 12th century B.C. A judge was the military leader responsible for defense of the nation. Israel's primary enemy during this time was the **Philistines**. There was so much good in Samson, but so much bad.

I. Samson had a {SUPER NATURAL} birth.

Scriptures

Judges [13:1-3](#)

II. God had a {SPECIAL} plan for Samson's life.

Scriptures

Note: Samson could be {spiritual} at times. Judges [13:25](#); [14:19](#); [15:14-15](#)

Judges [13:5](#)

III. Samson was often {SPIRITUALLY} weak.

Scriptures

Note: Samson could be mighty in his physical strength, but weak in his spiritual life.

Judges [16:3](#), [9](#), [12](#), and [14](#)

Note: Samson's spiritual weakness was manifested in (three) areas of his life.

Judges [14:1-3](#); [14:15-17](#); [16:1-4](#); [16:15-16](#); [14:19](#); and [15:16](#)

IV. Samson's weakness Created a {SHAMEFUL} situation.

Scriptures

Note: In this shameful situation, Samson {prayed}. Judges [16:28](#)

Judges [16:18-21](#) and [23-24](#)

V. Samson had a {SUPER NATURAL} end to his life.

Scriptures

Note: In this shameful situation, Samson {prayed}. Judges [16:28](#)

Judges [16:27-30](#)

Note: Can you believe God would use a sinner like Samson?

Conclusion: The Holy Spirit includes Samson in God's Hall of Faith (Hebrews [11:32-34](#))!

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