



SIGNS THAT POINT TO DANGER Judges 14:1-9

INTRODUCTION

I. SAMSON'S DESIRES

A. He Desires A Woman – v. 1-3

Timnath - village belonging to the tribe of Dan occupied by the Philistines.

“her” - emphatic personal pronoun - **“get her and no one else but her”**

Samson's Life Consisted Of Three Women:

- **“the woman of Timnath”** - Judges 14:1-4
- **“the harlot of Gath”** - Judges 16:1-3
- **“Delilah”** - Judges 16:4-20

Samson may have been strong physically, but he was weak spiritually.

True strength is not measured in how much you can lift.

*True strength is measured in how well you can control your actions,
your attitudes and your appetites.*

Proverbs 16:32; James 1:14-15

B. He Desired His Own Way – v. 1-3

Two statements made by Samson that stand out.

“Get her for me” and **“for she is right in my eyes”**

It was against God's will for an Israelite to marry a Philistine - *Ex. 34:16; Deut. 7:3; Josh. 23:12.*

We are not our own - *1 Cor. 6:19-20; Titus 2:14*

There is a word in the New Testament that sums up Samson's attitude, **“lasciviousness”**.

This word speaks of **“unbridled lust; shamelessness”**.

II. SAMSON'S DISRESPECT - v. 3

A. His Parent's Charge - Eph. 6:4b

B. Samson's Choice

"for she is right in my eyes", "this is right in my eyes."

Life is bigger than you. What you do affect everyone around you.

III. SAMSON'S DISOBEDIENCE - v. 5-9

A. The Place Of His Disobedience – v. 5 - 2 Cor. 6:17

B. The Proof Of His Disobedience – v. 7 - James 4:17

C. The Power Of His Disobedience – v. 8-9

We can reach the place where all that matters is what we want and how we feel. That is a dangerous place to be!

D. The Price Of His Disobedience – v. 8-9

Disobedience always carries a high price. Gal. 6:7; Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10

IV. SAMSON'S DECEPTION - vv. 6, 9

A. The Ruthlessness Of His Deception – v. 9

That is part of the deceptiveness of sin.

It blinds our eyes to the true consequences of our actions.

All we see is the pleasure, we can never see the pain.

B. The Reason For His Deception – vv. 6, 9

Misery loves company, and so do miserable sinners!

1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Thes. 3:6

CONCLUSION

Can you see any warning signs in your life today?

If so, will continue down the road to ruin, or will you make the necessary changes to get your life on God's path?

If you can see evil desires, open disrespect for authority, disobedience to God's will and deception in your life, the time to change is now.

It may not be too late to avoid catastrophe in your life.