



Judges 13 - 15

“Disgrace and Grace

from the Sordid Story of Samson”

- I. Disgrace flows from our _____.
(Judges 13:1; Numbers 32:23; Proverbs 6:28, 14:12, 16:25; Romans 6:23)
- II. _____ flows from God’s benevolence.
(Judges 13:2-3; Romans 5:8; II Timothy 2:13; Hebrews 12:6; Hosea 5:15,
I John 1:9; Isaiah 53:6)
- III. God graciously sets the stage for something _____. (Judges 13:4-25)
- IV. Tragically, we too often set the stage for something _____.
(Judges 14:1 - 15:20)

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. What do you think of when you think of Samson?
2. Is there a relationship between fame & virtue? Do you know famous people who are not godly, or godly people who are not famous?
3. Read Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25. What is the way that seemed right to the Israelites? What was the result?
4. How does God show His mercy and faithfulness – despite the lack of faithfulness in the chapters we have covered today?
5. If you, like the Israelites, are facing suffering as a consequence of sin – what steps do you need to take? (Hint: read Hosea 5:15, John 1:9)
6. “When God wants to do something really great in His world, He doesn’t send *an army* but *an angel*.” ~Warren Wiersbe. Compare & contrast the birth announcements of Samson and Jesus.
7. Read Numbers 6:1-8. What is unusual about Sampson as a Nazirite? What does it mean that his life was under a Nazirite vow? What do the three prohibited items represent?
8. What is ironic about the fate that the Timnite woman and her family receive?
9. How does sin blind various people in Judges 13-15?
10. “God is graciously setting the stage to do something wonderful, but tragically we can set the stage for something painful.” Today’s scripture may prompt us to look at our lives. What are our lives building? Are we building a legacy of obedience and humble service? Or selfish ambition and vain conceit?