



### *The Nazirite Vow (Numbers 6)*

- ❖ No drinking of alcohol
- ❖ No touching of a dead body
- ❖ No cutting of hair

## **THE NAZIRITE VOW WAS GOD'S WAY OF TEACHING SAMSON BOUNDARIES**

### **SAMSON WAS EMOTION DRIVEN NOT SPIRIT LED**

**Galatians 5:16-17** So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other...

## **1. SAMSON BURNED WITH ANGER**

**Judges 14:19b-20** He went down to Ashkelon, struck down thirty of their men, stripped them of their belongings and gave their clothes to those who had explained the riddle. **Burning with anger**, he went up to his father's house. <sup>20</sup> And Samson's wife was given to the friend who had attended him at his wedding.

**Judges 15:1-5** Later on, at the time of wheat harvest, Samson took a young goat and went to visit his wife. He said, "I'm going to my wife's room." But her father would not let him go in. <sup>2</sup> "I was so sure you thoroughly hated her," he said, "that I gave her to your friend. Isn't her younger sister more attractive? Take her instead." <sup>3</sup> Samson said to them, "This time **I have a right** to get even with the Philistines; I will really harm them." <sup>4</sup> So he went out and caught three hundred foxes and tied them tail to tail in pairs. He then fastened a torch to every pair of tails, <sup>5</sup> lit the torches and let the foxes loose in the standing grain of the Philistines. He burned up the shocks and standing grain, together with the vineyards and olive groves.

**Judges 15:6-11** When the Philistines asked, "Who did this?" they were told, "Samson, the Timnite's son-in-law, because his wife was given to his friend." So the Philistines went up and burned her and her father to death. <sup>7</sup> Samson said to them, "Since you've acted like this, I won't stop until I get my revenge on you." <sup>8</sup> He attacked them viciously and slaughtered many of them. Then he went down and stayed in a cave in the rock of Etam. <sup>9</sup> The Philistines went up and camped in Judah, spreading out near Lehi. <sup>10</sup> The men of Judah asked, "Why have you come to fight us?" "We have come to take Samson prisoner," they answered, "to do to him as he did to us." <sup>11</sup> Then three thousand men from Judah went down to the cave in the rock of Etam and said to Samson, "Don't you realize that the Philistines are rulers over us? What have you done to us?" He answered, "I merely did to them what they did to me."

**Galatians 5:19-23** The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; **hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy;** drunkenness, orgies, and the like...<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control.

## 2. SAMSON WAS FILLED WITH PRIDE

**Judges 15:15-16** The Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands. **Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey**, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men.  
<sup>16</sup> Then Samson said, "With a donkey's jawbone I have made donkeys of them. With a donkey's jawbone I have killed a thousand men."

*"Pride is always born out of our insecurities."*

**Judges 15:17-20** When he finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone; and the place was called Ramath Lehi.<sup>18</sup> Because he was very thirsty, he cried out to the LORD, "You have given your servant this great victory. Must I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?" <sup>19</sup> Then God opened up the hollow place in Lehi, and water came out of it. When Samson drank, his strength returned and he revived. So the spring was called En Hakkore, and it is still there in Lehi. <sup>20</sup> Samson led Israel for twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

**IF YOU LET YOUR NEEDS DRIVE YOU TO GOD,  
HE WILL MEET YOUR DEEPEST NEEDS**

## **GOD FILLS OUR DEEPEST NEEDS WHEN WE...**

- 1. TURN FROM SIN** **Judges 15:17** ...he threw away the jawbone;
- 2. TURN TO HIM** **Judges 15:18** ... he cried out to the LORD,

**James 1:20-21** For man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, **get rid of all moral filth and the evil** that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

**Hebrews 12:1-2** Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. <sup>2</sup> **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith...

**John 7:37-38** Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, **let him come to me and drink.** <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

**Proverbs 3:5-6** **Trust in the LORD** with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.