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SINNERS NEEDING A SAVIOR

Judges Chapter 16

Romans 1:18, 21-22

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth..

..For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools..”

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1. Sin **Finds** us

1. When we do not deal with sin it gets Stronger
2. When we do not deal with sin we will be Vulnerable
3. When we do not deal with sin we will Continue in it

Answer: **Discipleship**

I Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it

1. All Temptation is Common
2. God Protects us from Temptation
3. God provides a way to Escape temptation

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2. Sin **Blinds** us

1. He was Blind to Manipulation
2. He was Blind to Temptation
3. He was Blind to Weakness
4. He was Blind to Absence of God

Answer: **Flee!**

1. Flee Sexual Sin (I Cor 6:18)
2. Flee Idolatry (I Cor 10:14)
3. Flee Greed (I Tim 6:11)
4. Flee Evil Desires (2 Tim 2:22)

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3. Sin **Grinds** us

Samson's Point of View:

1. He was Blinded
2. He was Bound
3. He was Imprisoned
4. He was Mocked

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God's Point of View

1. God Disciplines those He Loves (Heb 12:6)
2. God's Kindness leads to Repentance (Rom 2:4)
3. God Works all things to Good for His own (Rom 8:28)
4. God's Promises will be Fulfilled (Judges 13:5, 13:7)

Answer: **God Forgives**

4. Samson Repents

O LORD GOD = He knows God is in Control

remember me = He is Humble

please Strengthen = He Trusts God

I may be avenged = He wants Revenge

Martyrdom = He was Forgiven

5. Jesus is the Hero

1. Both Betrayed
2. Both handed to Enemies
3. Both Tortured
4. Both Mocked
5. Both Asked to Perform
6. Both Appeared Defeated
7. Both Suffered Alone
8. Both brought Victory in Death
9. Both Delivered People

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Application

1. We need Discipleship
2. We need to Flee Sin
3. We need to Repent