

Samson

Judges 13:1 What did Israel do?

What did God do?

Judges 13:2

What was the problem?

Where have we seen that problem before? Genesis 11:30;
Genesis 16:1; Genesis 25:21

Judges 13:3-5

Nazarite-Numbers 6:1-21

What is the purpose of the Nazarite vow?

What is included in the vow?

What happens if you break the vow by mistake?

Judges 13:6-8

How does Manoah respond to the news?

Judges 13:9-18-The importance of a name

What was the angel of the Lord's name?

How does that compare to Exodus 20:7

What is God's name? Exodus 3:13-14

YHWH

-Since Jewish people have no vowels we translate it
Yahweh or Jehovah

-It means "I AM who I AM"

-Jewish people wouldn't even say it aloud. They
substituted Adonai, which means My Lord

-In Jewish culture a name is very important. It conveys the
nature and essence of a person

Other names for God are Elohim and El Shaddai

How does your name describe you?

Judges 13:19-25

How did the man respond to realizing who he was talking to? Does that sound familiar?

Judges 14:1-2

What did Samson want?

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Luther's Small Catechism The Second Commandment GOD'S NAME

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God that we may not curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

34. Why do we say in this and in the following Commandments, "We should fear and love God"?

The fulfillment of all Commandments must flow from the fear and love of God.

35. What is God's name?

God's name is—

A. Every name by which God has made Himself know, such as God, Lord, Almighty, Jesus Christ, Holy Ghost.

B. Every statement in which God tells us about Himself.

36. What does God forbid in the Second Commandment?

In the Second Commandment God forbids us to use His name in vain.

37. What is using God's name in vain?

Using God's name in vain is—

A. Employing a name of God uselessly or carelessly ("My God," "Good Lord," "Jesus Christ," etc.)

B. Cursing, swearing, using witchcraft, lying, or deceiving by His name.

38. What is cursing by God's name?

Cursing by God's name is—

A. Blaspheming God by speaking evil of Him or mocking Him.

B. Calling down the anger and punishment of God upon any person or thing.

39. What is swearing by God's name?

Swearing by God's name is taking an oath in which we call upon God to witness the truth of what we say or promise, and to punish us if we lie or break our promise.

40. When are we permitted, and ever required, to swear by God's name?

We are permitted and ever required, to swear by God's name—

A. When we are called upon by the government, when the court demands that witnesses tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

B. When an oath is necessary for the glory of God or the welfare of our neighbor

41. Which swearing is sinful?

Swearing which is done falsely, thoughtlessly, or in sinful, uncertain, or unimportant matters.

What was his desire based upon?

Judges 14:3

What was wrong with his request? See 2 Corinthians 6:14.

Judges 14:4

What does this tell us about God's Sovereignty?

Are we still responsible for the sinful decisions we make?
See Romans 9:10-21.

Judges 14:5-6

What was the problem with what he had done? See
Numbers 6:3-6.

Judges 14:7

What does this tell us about Samson's relationship?

Judges 14:8-14

Summarize what happened.

Judges 14:15-17

What do we learn about Samson's wife?

How are wives supposed to relate to their husbands? See Genesis
2:24.

How does that relate to relationships between believers and
unbelievers?

Judges 14:18-20

What happened now?

Judges 15:1-2

What do we learn about Samson's relationships?
See 1 Corinthians 15:33.

Judges 15:3-8

How did Samson respond?

Judges 15:9-10

What was the Philistine's strategy against the Israel?

Judges 15:11-13

What did Samson agree to?

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42. What is using witchcraft by God's name?

Using witchcraft by God's name is—

A. Using God's name in order to perform supernatural things with the help of the devil, such as conjuring, fortunetelling, and consulting the dead.

B. Seeking the aid of people who practice these and similar satanic arts.

43. What is lying and deceiving by God's name?

Lying and deceiving by God's name is—

A. Teaching false doctrine and saying that it is God's Word or revelation (False prophets)

B. Covering up an unbelieving heart or a sinful life by a show of piety (Hypocrites)

44. What is required of us in the Second Commandment?

We should call upon His name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

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Q53. Which is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Q54. What is required in the third commandment?

The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

Q55. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning and abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.

Q56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from me, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

Judges 15:14-20

What happened to Samson?

Who did Samson give the glory to? See verse 18.

What did God do for Samson? Why do you think that it's important?

Judges 16:1

What is Samson's weakness?

Judges 16:2-3

In a city at night the gates were closed, so no one could go in or out. How did Samson resolve this problem?

Judges 16:4

What again is Samson's problem?

Judges 16:5

What was the Philistine's strategy to beat Samson?

Judges 16:6-7

Does Samson trust Delilah?

Judges 16:8-9

What does Delilah do?

Judges 16:10-11

How does she respond?

What does Samson do now?

Judges 16: 12

What does she do?

Judges 16:13a

How does she respond?

Judges 16: 13b-14

What does he do?

How does she react?

Do you notice any patterns? Can you apply this to any patterns you see in people's relationships today?

Judges 16:15-16

What does she do?

What does the Bible say about nagging women? See Proverbs 27:15-16; Proverbs 19:13; Proverbs 21:9, 19; Proverbs 25: 24; and 1 Peter 3:1-2.

Contrast Proverbs 19:14; Proverbs 12:4; Proverbs 18:22; and Proverbs 31:10-31.

Judges 16:17

What did Samson eventually do?

What do you think Delilah is going to do?

Judges 16:18-21

Who did Samson put his trust in?

Continual sin-→ unbelief
See Hebrews 10:26-3.

Judges 16:22

What do you think this foreshadows?

Judges 16:23-25

Who are the Philistines giving credit to?

Do you think the Lord is happy with this?

Judges 16:26-28

Who did Samson finally turn to?

Judges 16:29-31

Did God respond to his request?

Does God use sinful men?