

Interdenominational Sunday School lesson

Samson: Unfulfilled Destiny.

Judges, Chapters 13-16

The lesson given for this week's study, under the unit theme of "Persons Choosing Priorities", is about Samson and his unfulfilled destiny.

God is the God of history. People, nations and churches, also, have destinies. As we look at the life of one person, Samson, perhaps it will serve to draw our attention to the present period of history and ask ourselves, "Are we fulfilling our destiny and our calling?"

Hopefully we may answer in the affirmative.

Last week's lesson was about Jephthah and how he dealt with the threat to Israel from the Ammonites, a land east of the Jordan River. Along about the same time, the Philistines were giving Israel trouble in the land of Canaan, west of the Jordan.

The Philistines had invaded the coastal area of Palestine. They built five fortified cities and from these they made raids upon the surrounding area. Israel, instead of repen-

ting and seeking God's help in deliverance from these people, they submitted to the Philistine yoke.

They apparently had no desire to form an army under Samson and fight. Actually, they opposed Samson's exploits against the enemy and even attempted to deliver Samson into the Philistines' hands.

Perhaps if Samson had had a stronger character he might have been a better leader, surely he needed to have deeper spiritual qualities. In any event, Samson failed to reach the potential that was

his, and it is sad.

The question which readily comes to our mind is this, "Where would God's redemptive plan for the world be if all His called were reaching their potential?"

God Provides For His People.

Judges 13:2-5

These first verses of Judges 13, relate the beginning of God's plan to solve Israel's problems with the Philistines. The chapter opens with the notice that Israel had once again done evil in God's sight.

God had concern for His chosen people. He had promised Abraham that in his seed all nations of the world would be blessed.

God would not overlook the fact that His people had done evil, and He would not protect them from the consequences of their actions, but he would not abandon them.

He would raise up Samson, who would give them some relief from their burden. He caused the barren wife of Manoah to conceive and to bear Samson, with some stipulation.

She was not to drink alcoholic drinks nor eat unclean food. This had religious significance. Her diet must adhere to Jewish law, not eating food that was prohibited, and Samson was not to drink wine because he was to be sanctified to God's service.

He would be a Nazarite unto God from the womb. His consecration began with the mother. Verse 5 says that his hair could not be cut. Verses 24 and 25 tell of Samson's birth and his early life - how the Spirit of the Lord began to move him as he grew up.

He must have been told of God's purpose for his life. Possibly he grew up enamored of his great physical strength to the utter neglect of the Spiritual. He must have been something extra special to his parents. Maybe they spoiled him.

The Weakness of a Strong Man.

Judges 16:15-17

As we examine the scriptures we can see the weaknesses that prevented Samson to reach his potential for the Lord. Time and again, he permitted his physical nature to over shadow the Spiritual.

He seemed always ready to fight when his own desires were challenged. More importantly; however, his great weakness lay in the moral realm. He associated with women who belonged to a morally corrupt, godless nation.

In the end one such woman, Delilah by name, brought him down. Little by little she wore him down. This is a great lesson, but a sad story. The ending could have been greatly changed if Samson had lived a righteous life.

Kimberley Boyd weds Mark Baker in Greenville

Kimberly Joyce Boyd and Mark Lane Baker were married June 26 at three o'clock in Sheldermine Pentecostal Holiness Church in Greenville, N. C. Rev. Bobby Williams performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Gentry Boyd of Greenville, N. C.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Baker, Route 2, Hertford, N. C.

A program of special music was presented by Mrs. Peggy Hardee, pianist. Miss Rose Boyd, sister of the bride, soloist, sang "On The Wings of Love" and "You Light Up My Life." Rev. Bobby Williams sang "Truly" and "The Wedding Prayer."

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore a formal gown of white organza over white peau de sole designed with a high neckline outlined in silk venise lace.

The full sheer bishop sleeves were accentuated with a silk venise applique and lace trimmed cuffs. The bodice was enhanced by a sheer yoke

of English net, with beaded brussels and silk venise lace.

The modified A line skirt and attached cathedral train featured scalloped silk venise lace, edged in miniature floral silk venise lace. Her waltz length veil of illusion, also edged in silk venise lace, was held in place by a caplet.

She carried a colonial bouquet of pink roses and white carnations accented with greenery and baby's breath.

Maid of Honor was Rose Boyd of Dunn, sister of the bride. She wore a formal gown of suede rose with draped asymmetrical empire bodice with thin spaghetti straps and a chiffon caplet.

She carried a colonial bouquet of silk flowers centered with a pink lily and pink and orchid streamers.

Junior bridesmaid was Sherry Boyd of Greenville, niece of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Hope Jones, Martie Stocks and Chrissy Chaney, all of Greenville. The bridesmaids

wore lavender gowns styled identically to that of the honor attendant. Their flowers were like those carried by the maid of honor.

Flower girl was Ginger Haddock of Greenville, cousin of the bride. She carried a white basket of varying silk flowers. Ringbearer was Chad Baker of Atlanta, Ga., nephew of the bridegroom.

The father of the bridegroom served as best man. Ushers were Clark Baker of Greenville, brother of the bridegroom, Claudie Smith of Greenville, cousin of the bride and Scott Winslow and Kelvin Williams of Belvidere.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. Ann Williams.

Mrs. Carole Baker of Atlanta, Ga., sister-in-law of the bridegroom, presided at the guest register.

The bride is a graduate of D. H. Conley High School and is employed with the Pitt County Health Department. The bridegroom is a graduate of Perquimans High School and East Carolina University. He is

employed by Princess Anne Equipment Corp.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was given by the parents of the bride in the fellowship hall of the church. Guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lee Jones. Cake

was served by Mrs. Ruby Whichard, aunt of the bride.

Punch was served by Mrs. Ann Baker, sister-in-law of the bridegroom.

After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will live at Route 1, Belvidere.



Mrs. Mark Lane Baker

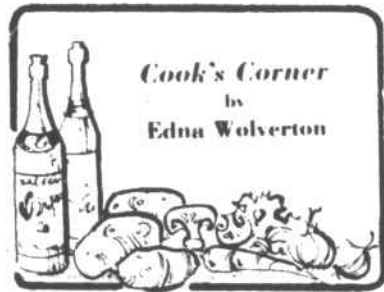
Take advantage of fresh vegetables

With the wonderful abundance of fresh garden vegetables, nothing could be more refreshing or tasty as Gazpacho - the cold vegetable soup made from puried fresh summer vegetables. In experimenting, I discovered that the seasoned Bloody Mary Mixture (commercially available) provides the perfect blend for the liquid ingredient.

Garnish with homemade crutons or dollops of sour cream and finely minced avocado. Serve as an appetizer or for a light summer meal, with hard rolls and butter.

Use only the choicest fresh vegetables for the peak of flavor.

(Note: for a change, stir in 2 c. of cream to the well chilled mixture immediately prior to serving - of course, this adds calories to an otherwise low in calorie dish!)



GAZPACHO

- 3 lg. ripe tomatoes, peeled
- 2 med. cucumbers, peeled
- 1 green pepper, sliced
- 1/2 c. green onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/2 c. chopped celery
- 2 T. olive oil
- 2 T. vinegar
- 1 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. pepper

- 1/2 c. chopped parsley
- 2 drops hot sauce
- 2 c. Bloody Mary Mix
- 1/2 c. chicken broth
- 1 c. crutons

Combine vegetables - coarsely chopped - in the container of a food processor (this may take several "flings".) Process until puried.

Add seasoning, Bloody Mary Mix, and chicken broth. Process until thoroughly mixed. Allow to mellow for several hours or overnight, stirring occasionally. Store in refrigerator.

If mixture is too thick at serving time, dilute with more Bloody Mary mix or tomato juice. Serve in bowls garnished with sour cream or crutons.

Senior Center sponsors trip to Bath

On Thursday, August 4, the Perquimans County Senior Center will sponsor a one day outing to Bath, North Carolina. Bath is the oldest city in North Carolina.

Tentative schedule for the day is as follows:

12:30 p.m. - Depart from Senior Center in Hertford

2:30 - Arrive at the Visitor's Center in Bath for a short film

detailing the history of Bath
3:30 - Tour: Palmer-Marsh House, Bonner House and St. Thomas Church

6:15 - Dutch dinner will be at ABE'S in Belhaven, North Carolina.

8:45 - Outdoor drama (Blackbeard: Knight of the Black Flag)

12:45 a.m. - Return back to the Senior Center in Hertford.

Cost for this trip will be \$15 per person. This fee includes all tickets to the entrance of the above sites and transportation by Trailways Bus.

For more information or to reserve your seat, contact the Senior Center at 426-5404.

Senior Calendar

- July
- 7-Bible Study Class, 1-3
- 8-Blood Pressure Clinic, 9-12 and 2-5
- 11-Crochet Class, 1-4
- 12-Cake Decorating Class, 9:30-12:30, Friendship Club Meeting, 2

- o'clock
- 13-Bingo, 2-4
- 14-Bible Study Class, 1-3

District 1-B Senior Citizens Meeting in Elizabeth City at Knobbs Creek Recreation Center 2 o'clock

A word from Mt. Sinai

Harvest time has always been a joyous time for me. The wheat harvest has been going on a couple of weeks. The refiner's fires are seen and heard throughout the area.

It seems such a waste to burn the straw. Is there no defense for the stalk that has faithfully held the fruit up before God? No, we can't change the faithful pillars into wheat.

Oh, how it must grieve God to see faithful pillars, rooted in the world, destroyed by the fires.

If you have not been born again you will be caught in the refiner's fire sent from God. Your church membership, church support will be treated as parasites to be burned.

The born-again are the fruits of righteousness. They will be saved by Jesus Christ.

He will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable (Luke 3:17)

We would enjoy a visit with you anytime or come worship with us any Sunday morning or Wednesday night.

George Wilmore, Pastor
Mt. Sinai
So. Baptist Church



Thank you so much for the many prayers, cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and food that was given to me while I was a patient in the Albemarle Hospital and Pitt Memorial Hospital and since my recovery at home. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered. May God bless each of you.
Hazel B. Hurdle & Family

Your every expression of love and concern were very much appreciated during my stay in Chowan hospital and since my return home. May you be richly rewarded in God's love for your thoughtfulness and prayers.

Lovingly,
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Dear friends,

A widow's efforts to seek companionship are often misunderstood and too often the comment relating to it have a cruelty that compounds her difficult situation. The widow's attempt at wholesome adjustment to her loss is thereby frustrated by the very persons who should provide healthful support and compassionate understanding.

Respectfully,
Marian Swindell

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