

Women's Bible Study  
Judges 13:1-16:31

---And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord—

\*\*\*We look for hints of the perfect Judge and Savior to come\*\*\*

1. The call of the judge (13:1-25)
  - a. Nazirite vow (Numbers 6:1-21)
  - b. Call before birth (Honor and joy/disgrace and scandal)
  - c. Samson (13:24) “little sun”
  
2. The emergence of the judge (14:1-20)
  - a. interest in marrying a Philistine woman
  - b. v. 3- She is right in my eyes
  - c. Impulsive and unteachable
  - d. Israel has not cried out for rescue from oppression
  - e. Capitulation to the Philistines—assimilation
  - f. Young lion
  - g. Sexual appetite, vindictiveness and temper = God's glory for division of the two nations

Reflection: “There is no such thing as harmonious co-existence between the church and the world, for where there is no conflict it is because the world has taken over.”

- 3. Judgment prepared (15:1-20)
  - a. action/reaction- all ordained by God
  - b. Romans 8:28- God works through the free ( and often flawed choices people make.
  - c. Peace with the world vs. freed to worship God...v.13 they tie up their own judge
  - d. v.18- dependence on God only in extreme situations
  
- 4. Judgment executed (16:1-31)
  - a. new woman
  - b. use of blessings to forget God
  - c. national menace
  - d. using one and other vs. serving one another
  - e. The Lord left him v. 20
  - f. Why did he allow this???
  - g. v. 25 God's failed rescuer is brought out to entertain.
  - h. Samson's faith v. 28

Reflection: List hints of how Samson foreshadowed Jesus.