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Samson: Part 1

God is merciful and desires to bring deliverance and salvation for all people, but we must be willing to receive His salvation.

The 300-year period of the judges was “the dark ages” of Hebrew history. The entire nation was characterized by a spirit of _____.

Judges 13:1–5

The story of Samson is really God’s story of mercy and grace acting on behalf of His people. Although Samson never lived up to his potential or calling, we see God at work through flawed humanity to bring deliverance.

God at Work

1. God’s _____. God has used and will use uncomfortable circumstances to captivate people’s attention and to turn their hearts to Him. (Judges 13:1)
2. God’s _____. God took the initiative and acted in mercy to bring forth a judge or deliverer for His people. (Judges 13:3)

3. God’s _____. God called Samson to the life of a Nazirite in that he would be set apart or different to fulfill God’s purposes. (Judges 13:4)

4. God’s _____. God miraculously brought life out of a barren womb, so that deliverance might come for His people. (Judges 13:3)

In many ways Samson’s story is a foreshadowing of a coming deliverer—Jesus Christ, who would truly bring _____ and _____ for all people.

“He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.”—Romans 4:25

“That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead you will be saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”—Romans 10:9,13

Answers: rebellion; judgement; plan; way; work; freedom, salvation

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