A man, blindfolded and wearing a brown loincloth, is running through a stone archway. He is looking back over his shoulder with a determined expression. The archway is made of large, weathered stone blocks. The background behind the arch is a bright blue sky with white clouds. The overall scene is dramatic and suggests a moment of escape or a significant event.

A Thousand to One, And He Won

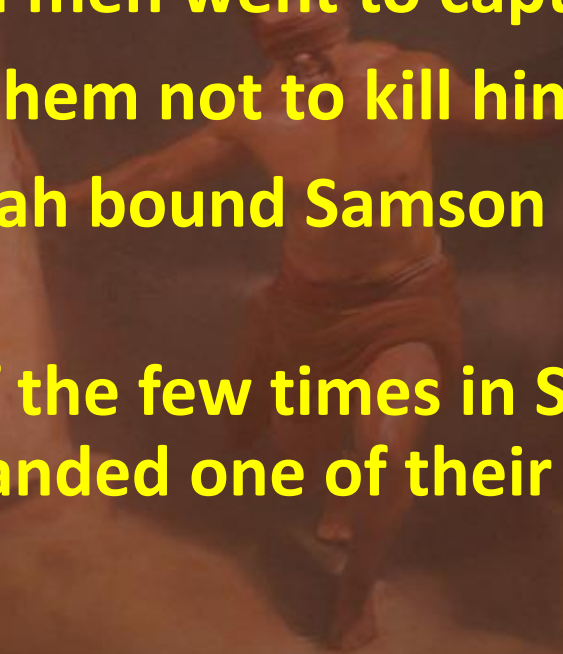
1 Samuel 15:9-20

Day of Reckoning

- The Philistines were furious with Samson for all those he had killed and all the property he had destroyed.
- In order to protect his parents and relatives, Samson did not return to his home.
- The people of Lehi did not know what they had done to provoke the anger of the Philistines.
- The Philistines just wanted one person, Samson, on whom to take their revenge.

Delivery to the Philistines

- The men of Judah knew exactly where to find Samson.
- Three thousand men went to capture Samson.
- Samson asked them not to kill him.
- The men of Judah bound Samson with two new cords.
- This was one of the few times in Scripture when the Israelites handed one of their own to an enemy.



Defeat of the Philistines

- The Philistines began shouting and taunting Samson.
- In the middle of all their shouting, the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon Samson.
- God provided a jawbone of a dead donkey for Samson to use as a weapon.
- Samson killed 1000 Philistines.
- Samson never gave credit to the LORD for providing a weapon nor for the victory.

Deliverance from the Philistines

- Samson did one positive thing after his deliverance from the Philistines: he got rid of the donkey's jawbone.
- After the battle, he showed a lack of trust and a lack of thankfulness.
- Samson lost sight of the fact that it was God Who provided his strength, a donkey's jawbone and relief from thirst.
- God provided Samson a fountain of water, bubbling through the donkey's jawbone.
- God will always provide, in His time and in His ways.

Conclusion

- **Samson judged Israel for 20 years.**
- **Samson was God's man and God's choice as a "judge" for Israel.**
- **The same God Who gave victory to Samson will give victory to us.**
- **God is able to destroy any barrier between you and your outpouring.**
- **When you ask God for something He can cause that which you need to overflow in abundance.**
- **Pray when faced with trials and tribulations and God will give you your own spring.**