

Today's Scripture

Revenge Gone Wrong

Judges 15:1-20

Matthew 7:3-5

Romans 12:17-18



Judges 15:1

¹ After some days, at the time of wheat harvest, Samson went to visit his wife with a young goat. And he said, "I will go in to my wife in the chamber." But her father would not allow him to go in.

Judges 15:2

² And her father said, “I really thought that you utterly hated her, so I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister more beautiful than she? Please take her instead.”

Judges 15:3

³ And Samson said to them,
“This time I shall be innocent in
regard to the Philistines, when
I do them harm.”

Judges 15:4

⁴ So Samson went and caught 300 foxes and took torches. And he turned them tail to tail and put a torch between each pair of tails.

Judges 15:5

⁵ And when he had set fire to the torches, he let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines and set fire to the stacked grain and the standing grain, as well as the olive orchards.

Judges 15:6

⁶ Then the Philistines said, “Who has done this?” And they said, “Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife and given her to his companion.”

Judges 15:6

⁶ And the Philistines came up and burned her and her father with fire.

Judges 15:7

⁷ And Samson said to them, “If this is what you do, I swear I will be avenged on you, and after that I will quit.”

Judges 15:8

⁸ And he struck them hip and thigh with a great blow, and he went down and stayed in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

Judges 15:9

⁹ Then the Philistines came up and encamped in Judah and made a raid on Lehi.

Judges 15:10

¹⁰ And the men of Judah said, “Why have you come up against us?” They said, “We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he did to us.”

Judges 15:11

¹¹ Then 3,000 men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, “Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us?”

Judges 15:11

11 What then is this that you have done to us?" And he said to them, "As they did to me, so have I done to them."

Judges 15:12

¹² And they said to him, “We have come down to bind you, that we may give you into the hands of the Philistines

Judges 15:12

¹² And Samson said to them,
“Swear to me that you will not
attack me yourselves.”

Judges 15:13

¹³ They said to him, “No; we will only bind you and give you into their hands. We will surely not kill you.” So they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

Judges 15:14

¹⁴ When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. Then the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became as

Judges 15:14

¹⁴ flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands.

Judges 15:15

¹⁵ And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and put out his hand and took it, and with it he struck 1,000 men.

Judges 15:16

¹⁶ And Samson said, “With the jawbone of a donkey, heaps upon heaps, with the jawbone of a donkey have I struck down a thousand men.”

Judges 15:17

¹⁷ As soon as he had finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone out of his hand. And that place was called Ramath-lehi.

Judges 15:18

¹⁸ And he was very thirsty, and he called upon the LORD and said, “You have granted this great salvation by the hand of your servant,

Judges 15:18

18 and shall I now die of thirst
and fall into the hands of the
uncircumcised?”

Judges 15:19

¹⁹ And God split open the hollow place that is at Lehi, and water came out from it. And when he drank, his spirit returned, and he revived.

Judges 15:19

¹⁹ Therefore the name of it was called En-hakkore; it is at Lehi to this day.

Judges 15:20

²⁰ And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

Matthew 7:3

³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Matthew 7:4

⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?

Matthew 7:5

⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Romans 12:17

¹⁷ But if you call yourself a Jew
and rely on the law and boast
in God

Romans 12:18

¹⁸ and know his will and
approve what is excellent,
because you are instructed
from the law;