

JUDGES

A Study of Faithfulness and Failure

A Costly Victory

Judges 13-15

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1. We have an _____ God (13:1-5)
 - a. In spite of our _____
 - b. In spite of our _____
 - c. In spite of our _____
2. We have an _____ God (13:24-15:20)
 - a. He keeps his _____
 - b. He gives his _____
3. We have a _____ God (Ezekiel 36)

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD UPON SAMSON

FOUR TIMES THE SPIRIT EMPOWERED HIS LIFE

“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD.” Zechariah 4:6b

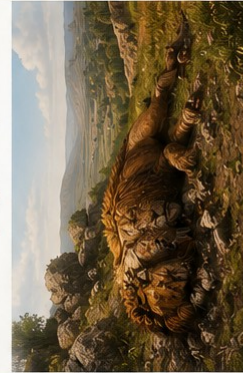
1 IT BEGAN TO STIR HIM
(Judges 13:25)



The Spirit of the LORD began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

 God prepares Samson for his calling. The work begins in him.

2 RUSHED UPON HIM
(Judges 14:6)



The Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and though he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion apart.

 Divine power for supernatural strength. God gives the victory.

3 RUSHED UPON HIM
(Judges 14:19)



The Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and with the jawbone of a donkey he struck down a thousand men.

 The same Spirit. Greater victory. God magnifies his power.

4 RUSHED UPON HIM
(Judges 15:14)



The Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he burned the grain, the standing grain of the Philistines.

 The same Spirit. Judgment on his enemies. Vindication for wrongs.



FOUR TIMES. THE SAME SOURCE. THE SAME SPIRIT.

Samson's strength was never his own— it came from the Spirit of the LORD.

God empowered Samson. Samson chose his own way.