

# THE BOOK OF JUDGES

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES  
1380-1050 B.C.

## JUDGES CHAPTER 16:21-31

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## “STAYING FIT FOR THE MASTER’S USE” – PART 10 LESSONS IN KNOWING GOD

*ISRAEL DURING THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES  
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATION*

### SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Discipleship, Consecration, Devotion, Dedication**

**Introduction to the Text; Judges 16:21-31**

A Series on “Consecration to God”

## 12.) Lesson 12 – Consecration: Calling Out To The LORD

brokenness is the pathway back to God

David’s premeditated sex with Bathsheba was punishable by death.  
(there was no means of forgiveness)

### Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart –  
These, O God, You will not despise.

## 12.) Because He’s waiting to hear from you again v.27-28a

:27 Now the temple was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there about three thousand men and women on the roof watching while Samson performed. :28 Then Samson called to the LORD,....

# Calling Upon The LORD Your God

## Verse 28

Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, “**O Lord GOD**, remember me, **I pray!** (I’m crying) Strengthen me, **I pray**, just this once, **O God**, that I may with one *blow* take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!”

in the “**H e b r e w**” Bible It Reads  
**D i f f e r e n t l y**  
and it’s **3** Times that He Calls Upon  
The **L O R D**...

### First Call

“You are **My LORD Adoni** – My **Personal LORD.**”

### Second Call

“You are My **Yahovah**”

### Third Call

“You are My God” **Elohim**

“just this once” - *S a m s o n*

he’s asking the LORD to grant him victory without himself.  
he’s finally surrendered to the one true God.

This Is Not Suicide, This Was Martyrdom  
(like those of masada – held captive, imprisoned)

**HE’S COMING HOME LATE  
BUT HE’S COMING HOME**

## Verse 29-30a

### Judges 16:29-30a

And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left. :30 Then Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" And he pushed with *all his* might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who *were* in it.

**He's Been Condemned to Death by His Enemies.**

***there's a lesson about the grace of God***

### Romans 7:6-8:2

But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not *in* the oldness of the letter. :7 What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "*You shall not covet.*" :8 But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all *manner of evil* desire. For apart from the law sin *was* dead. :9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. :10 And the commandment, which *was* to *bring* life, I found to *bring* death. :11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed *me*. :12 Therefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. :13 Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. :14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. :15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. :16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it is* good. :17 But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. :18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. :19 For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice. :20 Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me :21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. :22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. :23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. :24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? :25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin. :1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. :2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

## Verse 30b-31

...So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life. :31  
And his brothers and all his father's household came down and took him, and brought  
*him* up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah.  
He had judged Israel twenty years.

### **“Then Samson called to the LORD”**

everything began to turn around  
“when” and only “when” Samson  
called on the Lord

Sometimes a Man's Death Can Have  
More Power Than His Life.

#### **John 12:23-25**

But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. :24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. :25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

*End*