

DEFEATED: The Downfall of Samson

Week 2: Anger

Judges 14: 12-15:8

INTRODUCTION

- A. When was the last time you got really angry about something? How did you respond during your moment of anger?
- B. We've all had times where we have been angry. Sometimes it is because of people, certain situations, our life in general and maybe even our relationship with God.
- C. James said we are to be slow to anger (Jam. 1:19-20).

Samson was Plagued with Anger

- A. Samson left his wife behind without consummating the marriage (Judges 14:19b-20).
- B. Samson torched the Philistines grain and olive orchards (Judges 15:1-5).
- C. Samson became entangled in a cycle of retaliation (Judges 15:6-16).

Three Things Uncontrolled Anger Leads To:

- A. Quick responses (Prov. 14:29; Prov. 29:22).
- B. Foolish decisions (Prov. 14:17; Prov. 29:11).
- C. More heartache and pain (Prov. 16:32; Matt. 5:38-41).

CONCLUSION

- A. "Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned." (Buddha)
- B. Maybe you are a person who is easily angered by others. If so, I urge you to practice learning to control your anger.
- C. When anger is left unchecked, it will certainly bring about danger, for you and for others.