

April 9 Questions

- 1) God allowed the ark to be captured in order to teach both the _____ and the _____ a lesson about who He really is. The Israelites learned that God couldn't be used like a _____ charm, and the Philistines learned that God was greater than their false god _____. Both sides were shown that God can _____ His own battles and that He will be treated as _____ before men (cf. Num 20:12; 1 Sam 6:19–20). The judgeship of Samson is a study in _____ : (a) he would not cut his hair, but he ate honey from the _____ of a lion, (b) he was devoted to Israel, but he _____ after Philistine women, (c) he had faith in God's power (Heb 11:32), but he lived a dissolute and _____ life, (d) he was self-centered and vengeful, but he was willing to give his _____ to destroy the Philistines. Perhaps the story of Samson is meant to teach us more about _____ than about Samson. God stirred his spirit (Jdg 13:25), and his desire for the woman in Timnah was "of the _____," for God was seeking an occasion against the Philistines (Jdg 14:4). This shows that God can _____ even the sinful desires of a flawed individual to accomplish His purpose. The fact that God used Samson shows that God's _____ does not equal His _____. How much _____ could have been achieved if Samson had been faithful to God? He died with his enemies, and once again, sin brought a tragic end to a life of great potential.