

## **SAMSON: Man of Strength, Man of Weakness**

*Lesson One • Judges 13:1-25*  
**The Man Who Had It All**

### **The Circumstances Surrounding the Life of Samson:**

## **1. The Philistines Were God's Agents of OPPRESSION!**

#### *Two Key Observations:*

- Because of Israel's SIN, they were delivered into the Philistines' hands.  
*Judges 13:1*
  
- Because of God's GRACE, a deliverer was about to be born. *Judges 13:5*

## **2. Samson Was God's Agent of DELIVERANCE!**

### **The Advantages of Samson's Life:**

He was the man who HAD it all!

#### *What advantages did Samson start out with?*

- Samson started with God-ordained PURPOSE. *Judges 13:5*

### *The Nazirite Vow of Separation to the Lord (Numbers 6):*

- 1) Must abstain from drinking wine or any strong drink.
- 2) Must avoid touching a dead body.
- 3) Must allow your hair to grow uncut.

- Samson started with God-fearing PARENTS. *Judges 13:2-23*

- Samson started with God-given POWER. *Judges 13:24-25*

### **The Tragedy of Samson's Life:**

The man who had it all, LOST it all!

### **Life Lessons from a Flawed Hero:**

- ❖ For Parents: Godly parents are NO GUARANTEE against children becoming ungodly adults.
  
- ❖ For Everyone: It's not how you BEGIN, but how you END that makes the difference.