

## **Samson's Spiritual Warfare: Judges 15**

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Considering the life of Samson, perhaps the most notable characteristic is that Samson was a real life superhero. He was enabled with a power from God that is unparalleled in history. As a judge he led Israel as a one man army against the philistines. He was God's weapon against the Philistines. In Judges 15 we read how he assaulted them by God's strength. Of course, his strength from God was in his Nazarite vow. Finally, we see how God sustained him at *Enhakkore* (literally, fountain of one calling).

Samson is described in Hebrews 11 as a man of faith whom we should consider. Some of his actions are negative examples, and yet some are virtuous. Samson as a warrior is important for us to consider in our spiritual warfare. Christians are spiritual Nazarites called to engage in spiritual warfare. Our God is a God of War (Psalm 45). We are from our new birth waging spiritual war (2 Corinthians 10:3-6), and we are told to put on the mindset of warriors (2 Timothy 2:3-7).

Samson's Example is that he used God's strength; we are told to do the same (Ephesians 6:10-17, Hebrews 4:12). We also see that he knew that while it was God who gave him strength, his strength depended on maintaining his Nazarite virtue. We too are strengthened by our virtues (Titus 2:7-8, 1 Timothy 4:12). Finally, consider his divinely provided water (the language is unclear if the water was from a place or the jawbone); we too are sustained by *Enhakkore* (John 7:38-39).

*All drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4*