# *Don't Gamble Your Life Away*

# *Judges 14:10-20*

***As God held <u>Samson</u> to his vows, God also hold <u>US</u> responsible to our vows.***

***He <u>Expects</u> us to <u>LIVE</u> Holy lives because <u>He</u> is Holy.***

***Today, we'll see there's a <u>Price</u> to Pay when we <u>Wander</u> from God's & potentially <u>Gamble</u> our Lives Away.***

**1. SAMSON'S <u>WEDDING</u> (vv. 10-11)**

- ***The Wedding <u>TRADITION</u>***
- After a ***<u>Dowry</u> was given***, the couple would begin a ***<u>Betrothal</u> <u>Period</u> of about 1 year.***
- ***A Wedding "<u>TYPE</u>."***
- What a ***<u>Beautiful</u> <u>Picture</u>*** of ***what's waiting*** for those ***who <u>Believe</u>*** in the ***Son of God, <u>Jesus</u> Christ*** & ***His <u>Sacrifice</u>*** for ***His <u>Bride</u>.***
- ***The Wedding <u>TEMPTATION</u>.***
- ***<u>SIN</u>*** is ***like a <u>VIRUS</u>*** in your life…it ***<u>Spreads</u>*** & it always ***<u>Gets</u> <u>Worse</u>.***

**2. SAMSON'S <u>WAGER</u> (vv.12-18)**

- ***Notice Samson's <u>HARDNESS</u> of HEART.***
- It ought to ***<u>Break</u> our Hearts*** when we ***SIN <u>Against</u> the Lord!***
- ***But instead, Notice Samson's <u>GAMBLE</u> For GAIN.***
- This was a ***Very <u>Expensive</u> <u>Bet</u>*** in that day.
- ***When we SIN, "<u>The</u> <u>House</u> <u>Always</u> <u>Wins</u>."***
- Many are ***SO <u>Smart</u>*** with ***many <u>Things</u>*** & ***SO <u>Dumb</u>*** when it ***comes to <u>Sin</u>***.

**3. SAMSON'S <u>WRATH</u> (vv.19-20)**

- Samson ***<u>Kills</u> 30 Philistines*** to ***<u>Pay</u> his Gambling Debt.***
- ***How you <u>REACT</u>*** to people ***around you*** is a ***<u>Window</u> into your heart.***
- What we ***have here*** is a ***"<u>Runaway</u> <u>Groom</u>."***
- ***<u>Going</u> <u>Against</u> the Will of God destroys <u>Friendships</u> & Ruins <u>Relationships</u>.***

- ***<u>OUR</u> SIN*** can ***<u>Not</u> <u>Derail</u> GOD'S PLAN.***