

The Shadows and Foreshadows of Providence

Judges 14

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What God is doing, I cannot fully understand or discern.

Providence, evil and the sovereignty of God

Our Surprising Introduction to Samson

What great expectations were raised about this child!

He is to be an example of holiness, consecration,

Of what the people of God are supposed to be like.

How are we introduced to him?

What do we learn about Samson?

He makes his decisions selfishly. "She is right in my eyes."

Was the Holy Spirit was behind Samson's desire for a bad marriage?

Dual causation (WCF on Providence, 5:1-2)

God does not condone Samson's actions, but He does use them for his purposes.

The Spirit of the Lord Rushed upon Samson

The Spirit comes mightily to Samson.

He killed a lion with his hands.

How does Samson break his Nazirite vow?

The Marriage

They appear to be following Philistine rituals.

The riddle, the wager

How does this event foreshadow later events?

Samson acting in the flesh, and by the Spirit?

Application

We cannot read the tea leaves of providence.

Notice how far the people had fallen

We need a savior to save us from ourselves.