

Samson's Riddle

Judges 14:12-20

Script for a Play

Samson: Let me pose a riddle to you.

Companions: Pose your riddle....

Samson: Out of the eater came something to eat,
and out of the strong came something sweet.

The companions go to Samson's wife.

Companions: Entice your husband...or else we will burn you and your
father's house with fire.

Samson's wife weeps on Samson.

Samson's wife: You only hate me! You do now love me! ...You have not
explained [the riddle] to me.

Samson: I have not explained it to my father or mother; so should I
explain it to you?

*Samson's wife continues to weep on him, and finally he tells her the answer.
Then she tells it to the Philistines. Then, on the seventh day the Philistines
tell the answer to Samson.*

Companions: What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion?

*The spirit of the Lord comes upon Samson and he kills thirty men of
Ashkelon. Then he goes back up to his father's house, and his wife is given
to the companion who had been his best man.*