

SPIRITUAL TASK—SAMSON’S WIFE (Judges 14)

Story Samson goes down to Timnah to find a wife. On the way he is attacked by a lion. He tears the lion apart with his bare hands. Upon his return he sees the lion’s carcass full of bees and honey. He eats it and shares some with his mom and dad. He poses a riddle to his wedding guests to solve. “Out of the eater came something to eat, And out of the strong came something sweet.”

Meaning As we attempt to marry ideas from the Word to the good of life (Samson wanting a wife) we are attacked by temptations (lion). If we are strongly grounded in truths from the Lord’s Word (Samson’s long hair) we can defeat these temptations. We also find that the state that follows temptations is sweet (honey) and pleasant. The riddle asks the question, “Is it worth going through the difficulty of obedience to the Lord’s Word?” The answer is “Yes, through following the Lord/s commands we find delight in life.”

Task This week is rote memory week. This week memorize a psalm from the Lord’s Word (Book of Psalms), or the first section of the sermon on the mount (Matthew 5). When we have truths in the memory we can more easily draw upon them in times of trial and temptation. Pretend you have a part in a play. Practice your lines until you get them right.