



## The Callers Spring

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<sup>1</sup> Samson went down to Timnah and saw there a young Philistine woman. <sup>2</sup> When he returned, he said to his father and mother, "I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife."

JUDGES 14:1-2

<sup>5</sup> As they approached the vineyards of Timnah, suddenly a young lion came roaring toward him. <sup>6</sup> The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat. But he told neither his father nor his mother what he had done.

JUDGES 14:5-6

<sup>8</sup> Some time later, when he went back to marry her, he turned aside to look at the lion's carcass, and in it he saw a swarm of bees and some honey. <sup>9</sup> He scooped out the honey with his hands and ate as he went along.

JUDGES 14:8-9

<sup>12</sup> "Let me tell you a riddle," Samson said to them. "If you can give me the answer within the seven days of the feast, I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty sets of clothes. <sup>13</sup> If you can't tell me the answer, you must give me thirty linen garments and thirty sets of clothes." . . .<sup>14</sup> He replied, "Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the strong, something sweet."

JUDGES 14:12-13

<sup>15</sup> On the fourth day, they said to Samson's wife, "Coax your husband into explaining the riddle for us, or we will burn you and your father's household to death. Did you invite us here to steal our property?" <sup>16</sup> Then Samson's wife threw herself on him, sobbing, "You hate me! You don't really love me. You've given my people a riddle, but you haven't told me the answer."

JUDGES 14:15-16

<sup>17</sup> She cried the whole seven days of the feast. So on the seventh day he finally told her, because she continued to press him. She in turn explained the riddle to her people. . . . "Samson said to them, "If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have solved my riddle."

JUDGES 14:17-18

<sup>19</sup> Then the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him. He went down to Ashkelon, struck down thirty of their men, stripped them of everything and gave their clothes to those who had explained the riddle. Burning with anger, he returned to his father's home.  
<sup>20</sup> And Samson's wife was given to one of his companions who had attended him at the feast.

JUDGES 14:19-20

<sup>1</sup> Later on, at the time of wheat harvest, Samson took a young goat and went to visit his wife. He said, "I'm going to my wife's room." But her father would not let him go in. <sup>2</sup> "I was so sure you hated her," he said, "that I gave her to your companion. Isn't her younger sister more attractive? Take her instead."

JUDGES 15:1-2

<sup>3</sup> Samson said to them, "This time I have a right to get even with the Philistines; I will really harm them."

<sup>4</sup> So he went out and caught three hundred foxes and tied them tail to tail in pairs. He then fastened a torch to every pair of tails, <sup>5</sup> lit the torches and let the foxes loose in the standing grain of the Philistines.

JUDGES 15:3-5

<sup>6</sup> When the Philistines asked, "Who did this?" they were told, "Samson, the Timnite's son-in-law, because his wife was given to his companion." So the Philistines went up and burned her and her father to death. <sup>7</sup> Samson said to them, "Since you've acted like this, I swear that I won't stop until I get my revenge on you." <sup>8</sup> He attacked them viciously and slaughtered many of them. Then he went down and stayed in a cave in the rock of Etam.

JUDGES 15:6-8

<sup>11</sup> Then three thousand men from Judah went down to the cave in the rock of Etam and said to Samson, "Don't you realize that the Philistines are rulers over us? What have you done to us?" He answered, "I merely did to them what they did to me." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "We've come to tie you up and hand you over to the Philistines." Samson said, "Swear to me that you won't kill me yourselves."

JUDGES 15:11-12

<sup>13</sup> So they bound him with two new ropes and led him up from the rock. <sup>14</sup> As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands. <sup>15</sup> Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men.

JUDGES 15:13-15

<sup>16</sup> Then Samson said, "With a donkey's jawbone I have made donkeys of them. With a donkey's jawbone I have killed a thousand men." <sup>17</sup> When he finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone; and the place was called Ramath Lehi. [Jawbone Hill]  
<sup>18</sup> Because he was very thirsty, he cried out to the

JUDGES 15:16

Lord "You have given your servant this great victory. Must I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?" <sup>19</sup> Then God opened up the hollow place in Lehi, and water came out of it. When Samson drank, his strength returned and he revived. So the spring was called En Hakkore, [Callers Spring] and it is still there in Lehi.

JUDGES 15:18-19



**The first miracle:  
Supernatural emancipation and  
victory**

**The second miracle:  
Supernatural provision of natural  
resource**

The callers spring remained after he had called

“and it is still there in Lehi.”

**Calling out to God**

<sup>2</sup> "This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—the Lord is his name: <sup>3</sup> 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

JEREMIAH 33:2-3

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

ROMANS 10:13

- I call out to the Lord, and he answers - Psalm 3:4
- I call on you, for you will answer me - Psalm 17:6
- I call to you, because you answer me. - Psalm 86:7
- He will call on me, and I will answer him - Psalm 91:15
- When I called, you answered me - Psalm 138:3

**God calls out to you**

- The **one who calls you** is faithful, and he will do it. - 1 Thessalonians 5:24
- not by works but **by him who calls** - Romans 9:12
- That kind of persuasion does not come from **the one who calls you.** - Galatians 5:8

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