

Samson Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Is it possible that Samson was spoiled by his parents?

Do our childhood experiences help explain our behavior?

Do they ever excuse our behavior?

Does God use our weaknesses as well as our strengths in His plan?

Does God also arrange circumstances to suit His purposes?

What is the purpose of the Nazarite vow?

What is the power of a Nazarite vow?

Does it surprise you that Samson is mentioned in Hebrews 11 as a hero of faith?

In Matthew 25 we have description of a judgement where Jesus will “separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats”. What is the basis for that judgement?

Would you have expected Samson to be one of the people rejected in that way?

Is there any evidence that Samson was compassionate towards the needy?

Since he is cited as an example of faith, and therefore Jesus is NOT saying, “I never knew you,” what might be the way that he knew God?

Does Samson change our perception of who pleases God?

Does Samson remind us of any public figure today?