



# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

- Single men and women of God – (1 Cor. 7:32)
- Obedying the word of God – (1 Samuel 15:22)
- Humbly submitting themselves to God – (James 4:6)
- Loving God First – (Exodus 20:3)

*Vision: (Ephesians 2:10) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. {NASB}*

*Mission: to sow a seed "the word of God" into the hearts of*

*men and women that will propel them to their God-given destiny. Ephesians 1:4-5: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself..*

## Is He/She Your Blessing? (Pt. 2)

My single brothers and sisters, know that there are those who chose to be in a relationship and those who chose not. There are two ways to be in a relationship with the opposite sex leading up to marriage. God's way and our way. If it is according to the teachings of God, you will experience your blessing. If it is not according to God's teachings you will experience extreme negative consequences! Men and women have been discovering the negative consequences since man came into existence, but still insist on becoming mates with someone they believe is their blessing and possibly is not. Today lets review two examples of this.

**Note:** Proverbs 18:22 NASB – (22) He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.

Now, I ask that you open your bible to **Judges 14:1-20**. Read these scriptures as many times as necessary. Now let's do an observation. Notice Samson mentions in **verse 2** that a woman caught his eye (lust) and instructed his father and mother to get her so that he could marry her. **Verse 3** – His parents were God fearing and ask him why would he want such a woman? What was the big deal about a Philistine woman and Samson marrying one? Samson's desire for a Philistine wife clearly transgressed God's law (**Deuteronomy 7:3-4**), yet God used his disobedience for the good of His people. However, Samson himself never received a blessing for his rebellious choice and regretted it according to **Judges 14:20**. Notice in **verse three** Samson tells his father again "she looks good to me" (lust)! In **verse 7**, Samson is still in a trance (infatuation). In other words, she looks good, but she isn't any good. **Verse 15** – Other men are threatening the Philistine woman and instead of her telling Samson the truth, she entices (dishonestly) him for the answer to the riddle from **verse 16-17** and returns to tell the sons of her people. **Verse 20** tells the consequences. Samson is in the "Hall of Faith", but imagine what God could have done through a wholeheartedly obedient Samson. Was this Philistine his blessing?

Now, I ask that you open your bible to **2 Samuel 11:2-27**. Read these scriptures as many times as necessary. Now let's do an observation. David is watching a woman and/or someone else's wife take a bath (lust). **Verse 4** – David sends his messengers to inquire who this woman is and David eventually has her brought to his home and sleeps with her (adultery – Deuteronomy 5:18 and 21). **Verse 5** – She is (impregnate). **Verse 6-12** – David's conspiracy (dishonesty) . David wanted her husband to sleep with her so it would look like she got pregnant by her him. **Verses 14-22** – David's plan did not work, so he conspires to have the woman's husband killed (murder). **Verse 25** – David displays a (selfish) attitude. **Verse 26** tells us that the woman mourned, but the question is, did she right have the right to sleep with David? **Verse 27** – She becomes David's wife (evil motives). The bible also tells us in **verse 27** that God was very displeased! In **2 Samuel 12:1-9**, Nathan the prophet (God's representative) confronts David about his wrong doings. **Verses 10-14** tells us the consequences.

There are other stories in the bible that tells us what happens when we attempt to put a relationship together without the Lords approval.

My single brothers and sisters, are you experiencing the above symptoms and you are not married? Do you really believe God condones such behavior? The situation may not be as severe, but did God bless you with the one you are with? The above scenarios are happening to both genders and because of absolute disobedience! Ask yourself what are my (potential) future mates motives? What are my motives? Are they centered with the plan of God? I did not say are your plans centered around, I said centered with! "Is He/She your blessing?" My brothers read **Proverbs 18:22** again. Only a man who has favor with God will experience that good thing. If we plan not to be married, God has concrete instructions. If we plan to be married, God has concrete instructions. Only God can bless you with that mate. Do not get caught up with society (the world). God is the ultimate blessing if we chose to have a mate, but it must be done entirely His way. Next week, we will discuss our roles as single bothers and sisters until God blesses you with your mate.

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
DEUTERONOMY 6:18

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"Loved the wedding, now invite me to the marriage." God.

