

JUDGES: SPIRITUAL WARFARE

OTHNIEL, SAMSON AND THEIR WIVES*

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Text: Judges 3:1-11 and Judges chapters 13-16

- I. Introduction
 - A. How I met my wife. It all began in the summer of ... and it has been wonderful to partner together in the ministry.
 - B. A powerful relationship. This relationship can increase either blessings or problems in the Christian life. Someone said marriage is "God's university". Singles and married couples must also relate.
- II. Judges
 - A. Idolatry and apostasy came through marriage (Judges 3:6).
 - B. The first apostasy and deliverance through Othniel (3:7-11)
 - C. Othniel's secret weapon, Acsah (1:11-15).
 - 1. Caleb the family father (I Samuel 8:1-3)
 - 2. The field the inheritance land
 - 3. The springs the development water
 - D. Samson's difficulties (Judges 13-16).
 - 1. The Philistine woman 14:1-3 "nonbeliever" (Exodus 12:48)
 - 2. The prostitute 16:1-3 "immoral"
 - 3. Delilah 16:4-6 "materialist"
- III. Other Biblical Cases
 - A. The case of Solomon (1Kings 11:1-11).
 - B. "... as for me and for my house we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 23:12-13 ... Joshua 24:15).
 - C. Ahab kills Naboth and takes his vineyard, "... urged on by Jezebel, his wife" (1Kings 21:25).
 - D. "... unequally yoked ..." (2Corinthians 6:14).
 - E. A spiritual, united couple help a great preacher (Acts 18:24-28).

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