



Outline - Sunday, December 30, 2018

Sermon Title: Ending in Honor, “Fixing our Eyes upon Christ”

Scripture Reading: Judges 16:23-31

1. The **Prideful** *rejoicing* of the **Foolish**: The heart of the *haughty*. vv. 23-25
 - a. God’s Glory is *diminished* by the flesh. vv. 23b-24/Rom. 1:22-25/1 Cor. 8:4-6; 10:20
 - b. God’s Servant is *degraded* by the flesh. v. 25/Ps. 35:15-16; 69:12/Heb. 11:36
 - c. A *dishonorable* end is a certain future for those who walk after the flesh. Prov. 8:13; 16:18/Rom. 8:13/2 Peter 2:9-10

2. The **Purposeful** *request* of the **Faithful**: the heart of the *humble*. vv. 26-29
 - a. *Remember* me: Covenant mercies and Faithfulness of God. Judges 13:2-5, 24-25/Ps. 22:9-10; 71:6/Luke 23:42
 - b. *Reinvigorate* me: God (not his hair) is the source of Strength. Ps. 18:1-2, 32
 - c. *Revenge*: That is, vengeance belongs to the Lord. Ps. 69:24-28/Jer. 15:15/Rom. 12:19
 - d. *Ransom*: sacrifice of his life to the service of God vv. 29-30a/John 19:30/Matt. 16:24

3. The **Powerful** *report* of one who **Finished**: The hall of the *Honorable*. vv. 30-31
 - a. *Samson* died in *faith*. vv. 30b-31/Heb. 11:13, 32-39
 - b. *Samson’s* death had a greater *feat* than in his life. v. 30b
 - c. Our *Greater Samson* destroyed Satan and the *flesh* in his death. Rom. 8:1-4/Col. 2:9-15
 - d. Looking to the risen Christ is how one ends honorably; he is the author and *finisher* of our faith. Heb. 12:1-3/Matt. 16:24