

## **Turn Aside**

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### **Judges Chapter 14:5-9**

*5 So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah. Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. 6 And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. 7 Then he went down and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. 8 After some time, when he returned to get her, **he turned aside** to see the carcass of the lion. And behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the carcass of the lion. 9 He took some of it in his hands and went along, eating. When he came to his father and mother, he gave some to them, and they also ate. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion.*

“He turned aside” these are the words that jumped out at me when studying these scriptures a few nights ago. Sampson was going along, following his own agenda when he remembered how the Lord had moved mightily upon him earlier at that same place. Then, he turned aside! He stopped and took the time to purposefully go back and acknowledge the work of the Lord. When he did that, he was rewarded again. There was HONEY in the carcass of the lion. Honey is referenced in the Bible as something sweet and also as nourishment and provision.

When we take time to remember the great things God has done for us, we are blessed for that effort...that blessing will sweeten the bitter times. It will also nourish us and sustain us as we continue on our journey.

If you are feeling weak and tired in your walk, turn aside and remember the great & mighty things that God has done before. It will strengthen you & feed your faith with the sweetness of honey!!!!