

Tamar

Study Notes for message on 17 Jan 2021

Genesis 38 verses 1 to 30

This week's message looked at Tamar and suggested she is often maligned as lost, seductive and deceptive. But we saw that could be wrong.

Read **Genesis 38 verses 6 to 26. What was the driving factor for Tamar's actions?**

We suggested that Tamar is an 'Azare' - 'a strong helper or rescuer' - for Judah, just as Eve is an Azare to Adam.

Can you recall any other women in the bible who acted as Azare?

We looked at Judah's transformation in character.

What are the main contributing factors?

We mentioned that the bible is embedded in culture, but always transformative. **In what ways does the teaching of Jesus transform the culture of his time?**

Through being married to Er, Tamar caught a vision of Israel's mission, showing that God can work good into any bad situation. **Do you have experience of a bad situation that turned out for good?**

We said, 'We should all repent of our stereotypes of men and women, and what is godly character.' **Can you give any examples of stereotypes that might need changing, especially within the church?**

Read Matthew 7 verses 1 to 5. Bring before God those times you have judged someone's actions when you might easily have acted the same.