

SAMSON

Judges chapters 13–16

Samson is one of the most recognizable of the judges who ruled over Israel, probably one of the last judges before the time of the kings.

One of the saddest chapters in all of Scripture is the story of Samson. Here was a man with tremendous potential. He had godly parents, supernatural strength, and the Lord's favour. He literally had more gifts and more advantages than anyone else in his time. He was born, called, and used by God to serve as a living picture of divine deliverance.

Samson, was a classic example of wasted opportunity.

PP: *Oh Lord deliver me from wasted opportunity. May I (Our Children/Family members and members of CMFI Family) not waste your investment in my life*

Samson stands as a warning about the dangers of compromise and worldliness; and yet at the same time, He himself is a living emblem of deliverance—and a reminder that God's grace is greater than all our sin.

Samson birth to his father Manoah and his mother was a divine intervention as described in Judges 13

Samson Was a Nazarite. But What Is a Nazarite?

Reared to be set apart as a Nazirite as a miracle child to an infertile family, Those who took the Nazarite vow could not drink anything alcoholic, cut their hair, or go near anything unclean, such as a corpse ([Numbers 6:3-7](#)).

Numbers 6:3–7

3 they must abstain from wine^d and other fermented drink and must not drink vinegar^a made from wine or other fermented drink. They must not drink grape juice or eat grapes^f or raisins. **4** As long as they remain under their Nazirite vow, they must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, not even the seeds or skins.

5 " `During the entire period of their Nazirite vow, no razor^s may be used on their head.^t They must be holy until the period of their dedication to the Lord is over; they must let their hair grow long.

6 " `Throughout the period of their dedication to the Lord, the Nazirite must not go near a dead body.^u **7** Even if their own father or mother or brother or sister dies, they must not make themselves ceremonially unclean^v on account of them, because the symbol of their dedication to God is on their head.

Samson seemed to break every rule in becoming a Nazarites because of his selfish ambitions and purposes in life.

PP: *Oh Lord forgive US in any way we have use your abilities in us selfishly, wrongly
Forgive us for quick in following our minds as Samson did
Forgive us for bent having vengeance on all that offended us as Samson did – throwing into wind your command 'Vengance is mine'*

Samson ignores the rules of his Nazarite vows.

(A). He eats honeycomb out of the carcass of a dead lion he slew ([Judges 14:8 -9](#))

8 And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion.

9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did

eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion

So, what's the big deal about a little honey? Nothing honey is GREAT! But it came out of a dead animal. <-- uhhh, gross. The thing is that it doesn't just stop at gross, but carries a huge spiritual implication. Let's take a look at Leviticus:

*If a person touches any unclean thing, whether a carcass of an unclean beast or the carcass of unclean cattle or a carcass of unclean swarming things, though it is hidden from him and he is unclean, then he will be guilty. – **Leviticus 5:2***

By touching the lion's dead body to get the honey Samson became unclean and by sharing it with his family he caused his whole household to become unclean.

He put everyone in a place where they can be spiritually attacked by the enemy.

All because Mr. Samson stomach desired something sweet.

PP: *Oh Lord in anyway members of our Love ones and family has exposed us to attack Spiritually or Physically – Please Lord intervene and deliver us*

Every uncleanness in our midst as an individual, as a family unit and as a Church, remove with your blood in Jesus name

(B). He attends a wedding feast, where alcohol is present. Although the text does not indicate whether or not he drank, this article says he still sinned during that occasion when he kills 30 Philistines when his wife, Timnah, tricks him out of a wager ([Judges 14](#)). Whether killing them came from a sound mind or a mind under the influence of alcohol, he sinned.

(C). Later on, Delilah cuts his hair, which causes him to lose his great strength

Samson was Known for violent acts and a bent for revenge, Samson also ends up committing a number of other atrocities. He ties the tails of 300 foxes together, fastens ablaze torches to them, and sets them loose in Philistine fields (Judges 15:4-5).

When the Philistines retaliate and burn Samson's wife and father in law, he attacks them viciously and kills many of them (Judges 15:7).

Why didn't the power taking off him?

Romans 11:29 - *for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.*

PP: *Oh Lord may we not walk on our own ways
May your gifts and calling in my life glorify you in Jesus
name*

Later, he kills a thousand men with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:16)¹⁶ And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men.

As said, "Everything is a weapon in the hand of a warrior"
To Moses, it was a Rod
To David, it was a sword
To Samson, it was a Jaw of an Ass
What is in your hand?

PP: *Oh Lord open my eyes to see what is in my hands
Teach me Lord to profit with what is in my hand
Oh Lord empower me to put to naught all against me and
family*

Judges 14: 1 - 4 *And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.*

² *And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.*

³ *Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.*

Samson and The Philistine Woman In Timnah

All of a sudden Mr. Samson decided to take a little trip to Timnah and of course, some exotic foreign feline catches his eye (typical). He wastes no time and runs home and tells mommy and daddy,

I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife. – Judges 14:2

I give props to Samson's parents though, they don't back down and totally confront him, but it doesn't help. He likes what he likes and nothing is going to change his mind. Samson was not teachable.

PP: *Oh Lord give me/my spouse/my children/my family/family of CMFI a teachable heart
Oh Lord may we as Parents not succumb to pressure of our kids. Any way we have given way – please forgive us*

Just to make sure we are on the same page. The Philistine hottie, Samson wants to marry is not Delilah. She doesn't come into the picture till later. Now, they take a family trip to Timnah, and on the way, he randomly kills a lion...

Then he went down and talked with the woman, and he liked her. – Judges 14:7

Samson lets the lust of his eyes make his choices. As much as I personally believe in open doors in marriages (for we have two already to happen this year apart from Stephen and Annas) I want them to be on God's foundation

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. – Proverbs 31:30

PP: *Every union within our family as a church and family must be union based on God's word. Every wrong union father in your mercy and power destroy such union*

Oh Lord may we as Parents or Church never join or involved in marital union that will bring disgrace to your name in Jesus name.

Every unequally yolk relationship existing right now be exposed and dissolve in the name of Jesus Christ

Judges 14:4 - *But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the Lord, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.*

PP: *Oh lord open our eyes as parents and leaders to understand your move and leading of our children and people under us*

Judges 15: 18 – 19 ¹⁸ *And he was sore athirst, and called on the Lord, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?* ¹⁹ *But God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and*

when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof Enhakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day.

Samson enjoyed divine providence

PP: *Oh lord intervene on our thirst.*

We pray for divine providence in all areas we are athirst

Samson Loved Delilah, Who Betrayed Him.

Judges 16

Sin has consequences. For Samson, it came in the form of Delilah, a Philistine woman whom Samson fell in **love** with. The Philistines used this to their advantage and bribed her with 1,100 shekels (about three years' worth of wages) to divulge the secret to Samson's strength so they can overcome him (**Judges 16:5**).

After a great deal of trial and error, Delilah procures the source of his strength, his hair, and cuts it. Then the Philistines blind the now weakened Samson and take him captive.

What does Samson mean? Samson in Hebrew means: Sunlight. His name was a prophetic statement of what he was called to be "*a bright light.*"

He was going to bring light to Israel in this dark time. So, scripture doesn't tell us anything about Samson's childhood, except he grew and that God blessed him (Judges 14).

Instead, Samson got himself yolk with Dalilah

PP: *Every wrong yoke we find ourselves, our kids are in - Oh lord intervene and destroy it.*

Let prophesy over our children and family – they are to bring light to our dark world. So shall it be in Jesus name

We will encounter many Delilah's in this world who will try to find our greatest weakness and exploit it.

PP: *Every one, anyone, anything seeking my down fall will fail in Jesus name.*

Everyone exploiting my weakness against me, my spouse, my children, family of CMFI be exposed

Oh Lord give us strength to break loose from all exploiting us in Jesus name.

What is the meaning of Dalilah?

Delilah's name isn't as easy to track down it's meaning, but most experts break it down to a few. The most interesting one is that in Arabic the word "*Lilah*" means night and all together with "*De*" it means "*Queen of the Night*". In Hebrew, the meaning doesn't get any better,

"She who weakens, languishing, to bring low, dry up, be not equal, to become impoverished"

In other words, this woman is opposite of Samson, and yet Samson hock to her

He was sunlight, one who is supposed to bring light to his people, to be an example of the Father of Lights (James 1:17).

And she was the one who ruled the night. Her name couldn't be more prophetic. She did weaken him to the point it brought down his own destruction.

This woman is opposite of Samson, and yet Samson hock to her

PP: *Every one, anyone, anything hock on us that is not from God be destroy out off us in Jesus name.*

Oh Lord give us strength to break loose from all exploiting us in Jesus name.

Oh Lord empower us to see and flee from every strongholds of darknes in Jesus name.

*The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. **Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver.**" – Judges 16:5*

PP: *Every price placed upon us/our spouses/our children/families of CMFI will not prosper in the name of Jesus Christ*

The Song "Nor be my head o 2x. Anything wey Satan de plan now be my head o"

TURN this Song into prayers

Her goal was to bring Samson to a place of false intimacy through his sexual weakness.

PP: *Every weapon released by darkness against me//our spouses/our children/ families of CMFI to make us fall from grace be destroy and never to prosper in the name of Jesus Christ*

Delilah Seduced Samson

Most of the time when we think of seduction we think it's all about sex, but in reality, seduction feeds off of having control (a form of witchcraft). The point of seduction is to lure (tempt, entice, attract) you in through an area of weakness to rule over you.

If someone wants something I have and I tempt them with it, I then gained power over them. ← By that doing - I am manipulative, and it is witchcraft and a sin.

If we were to fall into that trap then in short the seductress or the seducer has become our God. We will do anything to have what they are flaunting in front of us. The majority of the time this is through sexual activity. Delilah operated with a spirit of seduction and with Samson's lust issue, it was definitely a match made in hell.

PP: *Every manipulations and witchcraft activities over my life/our spouses/our children/ families of CMFI be destroy and never to prosper in the name of Jesus Christ*

These two factors enslaved Samson and even though he was physically strong, he was spiritually weak.

PP: *Every weakness in me, known and unknown please Lord expose me to all and deliver me from all of them*

Samson's Hair

Samson's hair was a source of his strength because it was part of his vow and consecration before God. When he gave this information to Delilah he valued more her relationship more than God's. This was the biggest downfall for Samson. But it wasn't his hair that just suffered.

Samson Lost His Strength

Judges 16 : 19 – 21 ¹⁹ *And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. ²⁰ And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him. ²¹ But*

the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

And she made him sleep upon her knees (Lap)

PP: *Every comfort zone that are traps to pull us/our spouses/our children/ families of CMFI from the faith. WAKE US up in the mighty name of Jesus - PRAYERS*
Every interest to dwell in Dalilah's lap die in the mighty name of Jesus

...and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

PP: *Everything shaving off your interest/ your presence from my life and from the lives of our spouses/our children/ families of CMFI cease and be destroy in the mighty name of Jesus - PRAYERS*
Every form of affliction sapping us of your love and presence be destroy in the mighty name of Jesus - PRAYERS

²¹ But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

Once Samson's hair was cut he was done! Samson lost his strength and broke his covenant with God. Leaving him very vulnerable.

PP: *Oh lord, any way we have broken our covenant with you, please Lord God forgive us*
Oh lord restore unto us your joy of salvation

Judges 16:21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes,

But the Philistines took him.....

Psalm 89:22 ²² The enemy will not get the better of him; the wicked will not oppress him.

PP: *Oh lord, may my enemy not get the better of me/
spouses/our children/ families of CMFI
Oh lord, may my enemy not oppress me/ spouses/our children/
families of CMFI*

.....and put out his eyes, WHY THE EYES - Vision

As his eyes was removed, they placed him in utter darkness and his reasoning in complete confusion, for the eyes is the gateway to the brain. They blinded him by putting fire to his eyes

When we sin or walk away from God we become weak and vulnerable to the enemy's attack. The enemy blinds us so we can no longer see clearly and makes us a slave to sin. To blind a man was the most effectual humiliation and a process of decay, for where there is no vision the people perish, decay

PP: *Oh lord, protect my vision for me
Take me far from vision killers
May the light of God come to my heart now and lighten my life*

.....and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house. (Working a grinding stone)

What does this reveal to us?

...bound him with fetters of brass – **LIMITATION**

..he did grind in the prison house. (Working a grinding stone) –
**In the grinding stone place – movement is circular.
Going round in a location.**

PP: *Oh lord, every limitations in my life, known and unknown be broken today in the name of Jesus Christ.
Every circular movement, going round and round without any life achievement.*

But God is bigger then the night and darkness...

²² *Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.*

The God of Second Chances

The philistine's wanted to gloat over their victory of capturing and rendering Samson useless. ← At least that is what they thought!

So they decide to throw a big shindig for their god Dagon, which is basically a mermaid or should I say, merman.

Samson's hair began to grow again. I believe it wasn't just his hair that was growing, but that something was happening spiritually with Samson and the Lord.

Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. ²⁸ Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."

²⁹ Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, ³⁰ Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived. – **Judges 16:27-30**

God's mercy was released upon him. He fulfilled his purpose for living – To bring deliverance to his people

PP: *Oh lord, have mercy upon me
Give me grace to fulfil my purpose of living*