

Overcome by Weakness

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The story of Samson is told in **Judges, chapters 13 through 16**. Samson was given great strength and was able to do many mighty deeds in his life. With an animal's jawbone he killed a thousand men on one occasion. Lions were no match for his power. No one else, before, or since, has had the strength of Samson. Physically as strong as he was, Samson was a weak man. Samson was a strong man, but a man never the less. He was impulsive and used to having his own way. Led by his fleshy desires he made a lot of bad choices. He was unable to control his anger, or his lust. One of his problems was his weakness for women. When the woman he was marrying told his riddle he got angry and left. When he went back later she had been given to another man and in a fit of rage he burned the fields of the Philistines. (**Judges 15: 1-5**.) This led to him killing a thousand men with the jawbone of an ass.

Next he went to Gaza and went in to a harlot. Samson was to be a Nazarite unto God, yet he didn't seem to live as a Nazarite was to live. In **Numbers 6** the requirements of a Nazarite are given but it seems that Samson lived for Samson, more than for God. So far in his story he had not cut his hair, but we don't know of the other areas of his personal life. Would it be outrageous to suppose that one who would consort with harlots, would also drink wine? The scripture doesn't say, so we can't say that he did either.

However, Samson's trouble with women was not over. In the valley of Sorek he met Delilah. Once again his enemies approached the woman that he loved and had her get his secret from him. He, like many other men, should have followed the advice given in **Proverbs 7: 21-23** that says, "With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life."

After knowing that Delilah had given the "secret" of his strength

to the Philistines three times and that the Philistines had attacked him each time, he still let her betray him. Why could he not see that she was trying to get the secret of his strength, not for any good purpose, but to destroy him. Satan wants to make us spiritually weak as well so he can destroy us. As we have Samson and other men of the bible for an example, let us learn from their mistakes. Things, and people, that would come between us and the Lord are to be avoided.

Samson thought that his great strength would carry him through any trouble. We should never feel like we are so strong, or good, that we can not fall, or fail the Lord. **1 Corinthians 10:11-12**, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Samson discovered the hard way that strength came from the Lord and that breaking his relationship to God cost him that strength. It is better to be spiritually strong in faith than to be physically strong. Samson, the strongest man in history, who ruled over other men, could not control his own desires. Where it really counted, he was weak.

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This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the Book of Genesis intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times.

JACOB'S TOIL
BECAUSE THE FLOCKS THAT LABAN GAVE JACOB HAVE INCREASED FASTER THAN LABAN'S FLOCKS, LABAN HAS TURNED AGAINST JACOB IN ANGER, NOW...

IF WE DO NOT, LABAN MAY YET TAKE ALL FROM US IN HIS ANGER!

AND WHAT OF OUR INHERITANCE FROM OUR FATHER LABAN, HE HAS USED IT ALL—AND WE HAVE NOTHING!

NEVER-THE-LESS, WE MUST LEAVE BEFORE HE ALSO TAKES THAT WHICH WE NOW HAVE!

I WILL NOT LEAVE WITHOUT SOMETHING AS AN INHERITANCE!

AND RACHEL STEALS THE LITTLE GODS OF SILVER AND GOLD FROM LABAN'S HOUSE!

NOW WE ARE PREPARED FOR THE JOURNEY—LET US LEAVE BEFORE LABAN GETS BACK FROM SHEARING THE SHEEP.

AND JACOB, HIS FAMILY AND VAST FLOCKS, STEAL AWAY WITHOUT LABAN KNOWING THAT THEY ARE GOING...

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