

Samson Lost Judges 13:2-7

A Nazarite For Life

Numbers 6:1-8

Samson's story

Violated his vow multiple times - Philistine women; Vineyard; Dead bodies

Then Delilah - **Judges 16:4-9**

Living with temptation brings loss

Samson Lost His Strength

Judges 16:19

Isn't this what sin does? Doesn't it weaken? - **1Corinthians 11:30**

To run from temptation is to grow stronger, giving in will weaken.

Samson Lost His Sight

Judges 16:21

Sin blinds spiritually, i.e., sin deprives one of insight and judgment; it causes one not to be able or willing to notice, understand, or judge - **2Corinthians 4:3-4; Revelation 3:15-18**

It is very sad to see someone so caught up in sin, so blind to what sin really is, that they cannot see themselves in sin. Many, seemingly honest, religious people are in this category.

Samson Lost His Freedom

Judges 16:21

Sin enslaves a person - **John 8:34; Romans 6:16**

Illustrated in many ways - Addictions; Money's Lure; hiding fornication; remembering lies; etc.

Samson Lost His Self-Respect (Honor)

Judges 16:25

Sin brings disgrace

How many brought disgrace upon an otherwise good name because of sin

Consider shame and disgrace Jesus faced, sinless Son of God dying on a Roman cross like a common criminal - **Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 12:2**

Samson Lost His Life

Judges 16:30

Sin destroys:

Nadab & Abihu - **Leviticus 10:1-2**

Uzzah - **2Samuel 6:7**

Sin brings spiritual death - **Romans 6:23**

Samson Lost His Fellowship with God

Judges 16:20

Fellowship with God is so important; in this life, and in the world to come.

Sin breaks fellowship with God so he is hindered from many blessings of this life - **Isaiah 59:1-2**

But, most importantly, it can break man's fellowship with God eternally - **2Thessalonians 1:7-9**

This is the most tragic thing of all - **Romans 6:21-23**

Such a tragedy to die in this condition, unprepared to meet God in judgment.

Repentance Leads To Forgiveness & Hope

Samson appealed to God - **Judges 16:28**

Commended for his faith - **Hebrews 11:32-40**

You can appeal to God for forgiveness, and He'll grant it if you will obey the gospel!

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