How Sin Takes Over – The Story of Samson

Greg Kline · Judges 16:1–31

INTRODUCTION

- How is it that we find ourselves in a position where we fall away, where we reject God entirely? If anyone is a decent example of this, it's Samson.
- For the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines.
- You ought to know the problem with sin is we don't truly hate it. We don't want to get rid of it.

1 We Must Never Flirt With Sin

Judges 16:4–14; 2 Timothy 2:22

- It will take everything you want, everything God wants you to have, that is life with him, and it will leave you with nothing.
- Samson, three different times, was able to escape.
- But the truth is we often flirt with sin when God says we need to run at every opportunity.
- Rather than playing with it, rather than toying with it, flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness.
- Sin cannot be tolerated. We must recognize we can't play around with it. It's like fire. You play with fire, you will get burned.
- There's a big difference in living for God and living like you know God exists.

2 We Must Hate Sin

Judges 16:16; Romans 12:9; Hebrews 5:14

- We need to say, God wants me to be holy, so I'm going to strive for that blameless perfection to which Jesus died that I might have. We must hate sin.
- His priorities were mistaken, and he did not hate the wickedness that was going to be upon him.
- Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil, cling to what is good.
- What does a Christian do? A Christian hates evil.
- The mature Christian is one who has his powers of discernment trained to distinguish good from evil.
- We cannot play around with sin. We must recognize it for the evil that it is.

3 Sin Will Corrupt Even the Best of Us

Matthew 6:19–24; 2 Corinthians 5:10

- Samson was a judge of God. Do you think he didn't know better? Of course he did. But he allowed sin to become prominent in his life.
- For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- No one can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

- Where was his treasure? It was where his heart was.
- That's what Delilah did to Samson. That's what sin does to us. It takes everything and leaves nothing. Whereas God gives everything and takes nothing.
- It doesn't matter what you say, it matters what we have done.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you trust in God? Do you believe in him? Consider if you come forward this morning, that our God who answered Samson's call is here for you.**

MY NOTES