

SAMSON: THE NATURE OF SIN

Judges 13-16

SIN

- Sin is deceitful. [Hebrews 3:12-13](#)
- ❑ Sin never delivers what it offers. [Hebrews 11:25](#); [2 Peter 2:17-19](#)
- ❑ Example: Samson
 - Nazirite, [Numbers 6:1-5](#) ([Matthew 16:24](#); [2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1](#))
 - Ruled by passion. ([Judges 14:1-4](#); [Deuteronomy 7:1-4](#); [16:1-4](#))
 - Ruled by revenge. ([Judges 14:10-20](#); [15:1-8](#))
 - In death acknowledged God as source of power. [Judges 16:17,20,28](#)

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THREE THINGS SIN WILL ALWAYS DO!

Judges 16

Sin Takes You Farther Than You Wanted To Go. [Judges 16:4-20](#)

- Constant enticements broke Samson's will. [Judges 16:4-17](#)
- "Pressed him daily." [Judges 16:15-16](#)
 - Sin's first allurements must be resisted! [Proverbs 1:10-16](#); [4:14-15](#)
 - Evil companions. [1 Corinthians 15:33](#)

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- Sin, when given opportunity, will progress into further evil. [Psalms 1:1](#)
 - Eats like a sore. [2 Timothy 2:16-18](#) ([3:13](#))
 - Hardens and condemns. [Hebrews 6:4-6](#)

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Sin Keeps You Longer Than You Wanted To Stay. [Judges 16:20-21](#)

- Samson did not intend to remain bound. [Judges 16:20](#)
 - Must consider immediate and long term effects of sin. [Proverbs 23:29-35](#)
 - Do not experiment with sin – it is blinding and powerful. [2 Corinthians 4:4](#); [Acts 8:18-24](#); [2 Peter 2:19](#)
 - Sin is wasteful, causing despair and desperation. [Luke 15:11-17](#)

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Sin Keeps You Longer Than You Wanted To Stay. Judges 16:20-21

- > Beware of the controlling power of sin. **John 8:34 (Romans 6:11-14)**
 - Escape sin's control by obeying the gospel and serving righteousness. **Romans 6:16-18; 1 Peter 4:1-4; Ephesians 4:22-24**
 - Abide in the word of Christ. **John 8:31-32**

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Sin Costs You More Than You Wanted To Pay. Judges 16:30

- > Recklessness with God's blessing cost Samson his sight, his dignity, his strength, his freedom and finally, his life. **Judges 16:21, 25, 30**
 - In his self-sacrifice, God heard and answered him. **Judges 16:22, 28-30**

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- > Choosing sin will cost you ...
 - Your soul. **Romans 6:23; Luke 12:20-21**
 - God's fellowship. **2 Corinthians 6:17**
 - Peace with God and man, peace of mind. **Colossians 1:21; Philippians 4:6-7**
 - Dignity, honor, good name. **Ephesians 5:12**
 - Heaven. **Revelation 21:7-8, 27**

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The Nature of Sin

- ▣ Learn from Samson!
 - **Hebrews 11:32**
 - cf. **Judges 15:18** "... Thou has given this great deliverance by the hand of thy servant."
- > Sin takes you farther than you wanted to go.
- > Sin keeps you longer than you wanted to stay.
- > Sin costs you more than you intended to pay.

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The Nature of Sin

- ▣ Don't deceive yourself. **1 Corinthians 10:12**
- ▣ Victory over sin is achieved in Christ. **Ephesians 6:10, 13**
- ▣ You need to believe and obey.
 - Believe. **Mark 16:15-16**
 - Confess your faith. **Romans 10:10**
 - Repent of your sins. **Acts 26:20**
 - Be baptized. **Acts 2:38**
 - Be faithful. **Revelation 2:10**

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