

 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver. (*Judges 16:4-5*)



Now, Samson gave God His strength to use, but he didn't give God his heart. He gave his heart to Delilah and gave his strength to God. But you've got to surrender soul, body, spirit, strength, everything you are to the will of God, become a prisoner to Him. You're going to be somebody's prisoner. You don't belong to yourself. You're somebody's prisoner. You're either a prisoner of the devil, knowing there's truth and won't surrender to it, or a prisoner to the world, and surrender to God, one or the other. You're either the devil's prisoner to sin, or you're God's prisoner to righteousness. You're one or the other.

And now, Samson thinks of the great victories that he had won. No doubt it come to his mind of how that when he was a little boy, that God had vindicated him, told his mother that how that she must do: not drink strong drinks, or watch her diet, that she was bringing forth a Nazarite. How she combed his hair, and told him, "Son, through these locks, it's a covenant with God, that your strength will lay in there. Don't never give it away. Don't never give away your secret. Don't never surrender it. Whatever you do, stay with it."

Jesus Christ told the church that, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Words shall never pass away. And whosoever shall take one Word from it, or add one word to it, his part will be taken out of the Book of Life." The church ought to think of that now as we stand in this chaos in this hour just prior the coming of the Lord Jesus at any moment for a rapture.

The great victories that we can point back in the days gone by in the reformation, back in the days of Irenaeus, and Saint Martin, Patrick, and those who protested those organizations.

And when Luther came out and protested that first organization, Catholic church, and the group that followed him come right back and organized behind him. When John Wesley come out of Anglicanism, and, as soon as Wesley left, they organized right behind him.

And the early Pentecost come out of the denominations. That was a cursed word to you. But as a dog goes to its vomit, and a sow to their wallow, you've went right back in the thing that you were born to defeat. Your mothers, your fathers were ousted out of those organizations. They come out of it and protested it, and here their children has turned right back around and has went right back in the thing that they come out of. If that ain't a picture of Samson.



Daily Reading: Judges 16, Psalm 89:20.., Ezekiel 34:17.., 1 Corinthians 14:18..