

Three Things Sin Will Always Do

Judges 16:1-31

Introduction:

- A. Samson was one the judges in of Israel – 20 years.
- B. Samson was the strong man of Israel.
 - 1. Killed lion with bare hands. (14:5-6)
 - 2. Caught 300 foxes, tied tails together, inserted firebrands, set field on fire.
 - 3. Killed 1000 Philistines with jawbone of donkey.
 - 4. Ran away with city gate. (16:3)
- C. Samson as also a weak man in Israel.
 - 1. Took a Philistine wife. (14:1-3).
 - 2. Went into to a harlot. (16:2)
 - 3. Loved Delilah who conspired Philistines against him.
- D. Samson illustrated *There things Sin Will Always Do*.

Discussion:

I. Sin Will Always Take You Farther Than You Wanted To Go. (*Samson tempted - vs. 4-20*)

- A. He begins with three playful lies. (vv. 7-14).
- B. He yields to relentless pressure - going further than intended. (vs. 15-20).
- C. He is typical of others who have gone further than they really wanted to.
 - 1. David in sleeping with Uriah's wife.
 - 2. Judas in selling the Lord out. (Mt. 27:23-24).
 - 3. Peter in following afar off. (Mt. 26:58-75).
 - 4. Alcohol and drug users seldom want to become addicted.
 - 5. Gamblers and embezzlers usually get in much deeper than ever wanted to.
 - 6. People in lascivious situations (speech, dress, actions) seldom plan to go "too far".
 - 7. Early advocates of innovations into the church.

II. Sin Will Always Keep You Longer Than You Wanted To Stay. (*Samson in bondage - v. 21*)

- A. It hard to escape the sin's entanglement because of its pleasure. (2 Pet. 2:20-22).
 - 1. How many know their sin, say they want to quit, but not yet?
 - 2. How many plan to repent - someday?
 - 3. It is like eating favorite appetizers - just another bite.
- B. It is possible to go beyond point of no return.
 - 1. Become hardened (Heb. 3:13).
 - 2. Cannot cease from sin. (2 Pet. 2:14,15)
 - 3. Seared conscience. (1 Tim. 4:2)

III. Sin Will Always Cost More Than You Were Willing To Pay. (*Samson's sight & life - v. 21, 30*).

- A. Sin will usually cost you dearly in this life.
 - 1. In loss of respect: of self and others.
 - 2. In loss of health and happiness.
 - 3. In loss of freedom of youth and normal growing up.
 - 4. In lose of money that could be used for better purposes.
- B. It will certainly cost you in life to come - unless forgiven. (Rom. 6:23).
 - 1. What sin (in word, attitude, or deed) are you willing to go to hell over?
 - 2. What pleasure are you willing to go to hell over?
 - 3. What relationship are you willing to go to hell over?

Conclusion:

- A. Be alert - nip sin in the bud before it becomes full-grown (cf. Jas. 1:15)
- B. Be swift - repent of sin before you become hardened.