

The Three Dirty Secrets of Sin

Introduction:

A. *"Exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb 3:13).*

B. This inspired warning certainly sounds important. But what is meant by "the deceitfulness" of sin?

C. Consider the story of Samson as documented by God in *Judges 13-16*.

1. A child specifically promised to a barren woman by an angel of the LORD (*Jdg 13:2-3*).
2. To be raised as a Nazirite to God from the womb (*Jdg 13:4-5*).
3. A man of great physical strength (*Jdg 14:5-6, 19; 15:4-8, 14-17*). Notice *"the Spirit of the LORD."*
4. *Judges 16* represents an important and tragic turn in Samson's life.
 - a. A Philistine prostitute (*16:1-3*).
 - b. Delilah (*16:4-20*).

I. Sin will _____ me _____ than I want to go (*Rom 5:12; 1 Cor 6:9-10; Gal 6:7*).

II. Sin will _____ me _____ than I want to stay (*Jdg 16:21; 2 Pet 2:10-22*).

III. Sin will _____ me _____ than I ever wanted to pay (*Jdg 16:22-30; James 1:12-18*).

Conclusion:

A. Reality: so much more is at stake than having a pagan temple fall on our heads (*Rev 21:8*).

B. The inspired summary of Samson's life (*Jdg 16:31*). How will your life be summarized?

C. Words to live by this week (*Psa 1:1-2; Prov 4:14-15; Gal 6:7-8*).

D. Why not begin *"sowing to the Spirit"* today? How? (*Gal 4:4-7; 3:26-29*)