Sin Will Always…

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Text: Jud. 16:4-30; Rom. 6:11-13

### Intro

1. Sin never delivers what it offers
	1. *Heb. 11:24-25:* Moses recognized it for what it is: “passing pleasures of sin.”
	2. Some have recognized it also, while others have not.
2. Sin is deceptive and despite what we think we may get out of it, “passing pleasures” describes what we will receive.
	1. Where sin is concerned, often the pleasure we derive from committing it is all the reward we will have, but then deal with the lasting consequences.
	2. Mt. 6:2, 5, 16: Jesus said of hypocrites, “they have their reward in full.”
	3. Mt. 6:3-4, 6, 17-18: The contrast is the reward derived from sin and the reward given by God!
3. Rom. 6:11-13: We are to “be dead to sin” and “alive in Christ” and “do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts.”
4. Samson’s life *(Judges 16)* serves as warning not to “let sin reign” in our lives! *(Mighty Man of Weakness)*

#### Sin Will Always…Take Us Farther Than We Wanted to Go

* 1. Jud. 16:4-14
		1. Samson was playing a game that wasn’t a game with Delilah and the Philistines.
		2. He knew she was full of deceit yet continued to allow her to entice him.
			1. Jud. 16:5: Would betray him for $5500 pieces of silver (5 lords [3:3] each would give her $1100 shekels of silver).
			2. Jud. 17:5-10: A Levite forsook God for 10 shekels of silver ***a year***!
		3. Three times he played her game and three times she bound him, but found she was tricked. *(He knew he woke bound by what he had told her!)*
		4. He was playing with fire and was lying to her!
	2. Jud. 16:15-20
		1. He was enjoying the game but finally told her what she needed to know.
		2. His deceit caught up to him.
			1. I Cor. 15:33: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”
		3. He told her how to break his vow, and gave the glory of his strength to the length of his hair (any Nazirite would have had long hair), instead of God!
		4. This time it went too far – Couldn’t break free and was captured by his enemy.
	3. Sin, when not checked, will always progress further into evil.
		1. II Tim. 2:16-18: False (evil) doctrines will spread like cancer (NKJV).
		2. II Tim. 3:13: Evil men will “proceed from bad to worse.”
	4. Samson’s sin took him farther than he wanted to go!

#### Sin Will Always…Keep Us Longer Than We Wanted to Stay

* 1. Jud. 16:20-21
		1. Samson had no intention of being and remaining bound!
			1. He gave her false info and kept breaking free! *(16:4-14)*
		2. He had toyed with her attempts, but knew she kept binding him, and finally told her what to do *(He helped her break his Nazirite vow!).*
		3. He played with fire and got burned!
	2. Once in sin, sometimes hard to get out
		1. Prov. 23:29-35: One drink leads to another and another.
		2. *Prov. 7:* The enticements of adultery and harlotry have ruined marriages and have brought men to destruction! “As an ox goes to the slaughter” (7:22).
		3. II Pet. 2:19: Sin makes one a “slave of corruption” as does addicting habits: drugs, and alcohol – never good to lose control (Gal. 5:23; II Pet. 1:6)
	3. Don’t let sin control you!
		1. Rom. 6:11-13; 7:22-23: We can live our lives “as instruments of unrighteousness” (Rom. 6:13) but are to live as “righteous instruments!”
		2. Eph. 4:22: The “old self” is “is being corrupted” when we give in to lust.
	4. Knowing God’s word will help us to control sin
		1. Eph. 4:23-24: The “new self” is “created in righteousness.”
		2. Jn. 8:31-32: Jesus said, “If you abide in My word” then the truth sets you free!
		3. Gal. 5:22-23: Self-Control (inner-strength) is the key to avoiding sin!
	5. Samson’s sin kept him longer than he had intended (“he was a grinder in the prison”)!

#### Sin Will Always…Cost Us More Than We Wanted to Pay

* 1. Jud. 16:22-27, 30
		1. Samson’s hair began to grow out while in prison.
		2. He was the source for entertainment for the Philistines.
		3. Samson’s carelessness with God’s blessing cost him his freedom, his strength, his sight, his dignity, and his life!
	2. Choosing sin will cost us:
		1. Our soul – Rom. 6:23 (Mt. 16:26; Lk. 12:20-21)
		2. God’s fellowship – II Jn. 9
		3. Separation from God – Is. 59:1-2 (Eph. 2:12; II Thess. 1:9; I Pet. 3:12)
		4. Our dignity and honor – Eph. 5:11-12
		5. Heaven – Rev. 21:7-8; 22:14-15
	3. Sin isn’t a game to be played…it has serious consequences!
	4. Samson’s sin cost him everything, even his life!

## Conclusion

1. Samson was playing a game with Delilah (enjoying sin) – *A Mighty Man of Weakness!*
	1. One that he could win and did for a few occasions.
	2. Many “play” with sin and are confident they can win (“I can drink and won’t get drunk!”)
2. He went farther than he wanted to and it cost him his strength and fellowship with God.
	1. “Playing with fire” (sin) and Letting sin reign in their lives has led many people into sexual immorality, drinking, addictions, lying, & theft!
3. We need to see sin for what it is: deceptive, passing *(Heb. 11:24-25).*
4. Knowing sin will always…
	1. Take us farther than we want to go
	2. Keep us longer than we want to stay
	3. Cost us more than we want to pay
5. …Then we ought to be ready to pay the price of discipleship instead!
	1. **Mt. 16:26: Nothing in this life is worth losing your soul!**
	2. *Lk. 14:26-33:* Other things in our lives can come between us and Christ – He must be 1st! (Mt. 6:33)
	3. *Lk. 9:23:* We must take up our cross daily!
6. The Lesson: We can repent as long as we still draw breath, no matter how bad things get!
	1. Jud. 16:28-30: Samson acknowledged God as his source for strength, and God heard his prayer *(I Pet. 3:12 – God doesn’t hear the prayers of the wicked–Samson had repented!).*
	2. His request was granted and in his moment of triumph (and ultimate price) he killed more Philistines in his death than in his life – In answer to his prayer to God (Not a suicide)!
7. Don’t “let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts!” *(Rom. 6:12)*
8. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent and be baptized into His name!
9. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!