

SAMSON, MAN OF GOD

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The tendency in the gospel the past many years up to our time is that the gospel teachers tend to believe that the Old Testament is history and because they believe it to be history it is somewhat discarded into a little historical background. They do not realize that everything in your Bible is speaking of Jesus Christ. Everything in your Bible, you could begin to guess and take anything and ask me “What does this mean in Jesus Christ?” This was the first lesson I got in God. Believe you me I was crazy and ready to kill myself one evening and I got saved instead. God just miraculously made a woman tell me to go and challenge God and I went and challenged God.

I said, “God if You can save I am giving You ten minutes to save me and if You don’t save me then You are not God and if there is no God I don’t want to live anyhow - so we call it quits.”

I was quickened the evening and I said, “If there is a God that can do this thing to me then He can come and sit down and talk with me.”

That was a very simple deduction and God took up the challenge.

I said, “Meet me at four o’clock Lord.”

And at four o’clock in the afternoon I was sitting with my face towards the door and the window was behind me and Jesus came right up behind me exactly at four and He began to talk to me. As He began to talk to me all the animosity and everything just crept out of me and He began to show me my Bible. That is what I was mad about. I mean the Bible was a closed book, it was sealed to me at least. It was crazy, to be honest with you that is how I thought it. I read Matthew Chapter 5 and it seemed to be so contradictory, you know, I just couldn’t understand it.

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How could God say “thou shalt not kill” and then He told the other man “kill the chickens, kill everything”, He said, “Kill everything – women and children alike.” I couldn’t understand such a God. Then I couldn’t reconcile my Bible with truth and with the word of God.

Jesus came to me and He talked to me. He talked from four o’clock in the afternoon until one that night. I didn’t see when the sun went down, I was so absorbed. When He was slipping away at one o’clock I said, “Jesus, tomorrow evening at four!” And tomorrow evening at four He was there. That continued for August, September, October, November, December, January, until the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. What happened the 7<sup>th</sup> of February? Jesus that was talking to me came right into me and He was talking inside. I mean it was weird and I was very frightened when I got filled with the Holy Ghost and began to talk in tongues. So Praise be to God.

I am saying that to say this: That it was He Who taught me that the Old Testament is the prophecies or the words pertaining to Jesus and that the New Testament is the fulfillment of those words. So if there is any relationship between a man and his manifestation then that is it. The Old Testament speaks of Jesus, everything, just say anything, any love story in there – it is talking about Jesus. So let’s take one of these stories tonight because this one intrigued me. I asked God to show me why is this thing in the Bible any at all? I just couldn’t reconcile it with Bible. It looked to me like a good story anyhow – you know a Superman thing. But you know it didn’t impress me as a Bible story so I wanted to know why it found its way into the Bible? So God told me.

Turn to Judges and our story begins with Samson as a young man, Chapter 15 says:

*Jg 15:1 “But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid...”*

We have got to start earlier than that, but we cannot read it. I can tell it in story and it starts with Chapter 14 and goes to Chapter 15. So let me give you the story here in short and I am going to give you a key to the story. Remember I told you that the word of God has three dimensions? Now take a simple word like Samson in the natural – natural man Samson. Praise God. Now there is a spiritual meaning to it and there is a meaning that it will come forth in the perfect. Can you understand that? Every word of God has three basic dimensions. Amen. If God says sheep He means not only the natural sheep out there which is the thing that gives you the idea of what He is talking about, but it means a son of God and the quality of the sheep is transferred to the quality of the spiritual reference. So God, the Bible is written (I don’t want to say like an allegory) but it is written with a deeper meaning, it has dimension, depth and width and height. You see it has dimension to every word that is written.

The word Samson: there in the natural is a natural man physically speaking; then there was the meaning of the church; then he represented Christ; then he represented God's final man. Of course 144,000 or the manchild, I mean those are references/words in the Bible that have the same meaning as Samson represents and I am going to show you in what way he represents them. The manchild, the 144,000, the firstfruits company – now many of you are not acquainted, are not conversant with these terms but when I am through this will explain these terms. Right?

Now this for instance, this 144,000 is not a number, it is a symbolic figure. Every figure in the Bible is symbolic. They use figures to say many things. God would use one word to say a whole book. Take for instance when God says Babylon, you know, He means a lot of things: He means rebellion; he means a people who rebel against God; who refuse to be led of God; who refuse to be ruled by God. It has a long history behind it. So while He is telling you the history He is really giving you an idea of something spiritual.

Now this man Samson was a normal fellow. I believe he was a husky lad, maybe 5'10", maybe 5'11" or something between 6' and 5'10" or somewhere around that. He was just a normal fellow, a normal kid. Then he said to his mother and father one day:

“Now I went down to the country of the Philistines and I saw a girl down there and I like her and I would like to have her as my wife.”

Now in those days the parents had to go with you to ask for your wife. I don't know if you do it that way these days? I think you have some working arrangement with the girl and then you go to the parent.

But this guy he saw the girl and he went to his parents and his parents had to go to her parents and ask for her to marry. So this girl then Samson's wife – she is the type of the church, the bride of Christ. Now in this sense Samson is Jesus Christ. Do you get the idea? Good.

So he is going down from Israel (the country of God) to an heathen nation, the sinners, the Philistines to ask for a bride to get a bride from the Philistines. Jesus came down from His glory down to a low estate to take on human flesh. I mean you wouldn't understand how troublesome human flesh is unless you were an angel. Imagine someone with immortality, absolute power, God Almighty is going to take off His Godliness and put on humanity and come and have a wretched beast nature body – it was pretty rough. Well this was the thing kind of thing now Samson going down to marry a Philistine girl. Now the Bible said:

Jg 14:4 *“But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD...”*

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...so they were quarreling, “Why are you doing this?” “Why did you have to do this?” “Aren’t there girls in Israel that you could marry? Why do you have to go down there?”

So Samson was on his way he told his parents that they should go on a little, he just wanted to stop a little. He went into this bush and when he went into this wood a young lion... Now all of you must have seen a good sized lion. A very good lion could be a fellow about that size and his paws are massive horrible things. I mean a lion could take of his paw and slap that table and splinter it in to smithereens. He could if a lion switches his paw at you like this, you know a cat plays like this with his paw, if a lion does that to you and catches you it will take your head off completely take your head off. That is the power that the lion has. They call the lion the king of beasts because the lion will conquer almost every beast in the forest.

Now Samson went into this bush and there a young lion attacked him. Now the Bible did not say that he attacked the lion, the scripture said that the lion roared against him – that means to say the lion attacked him. When a lion roars that means he is going to attack. He jumps at you and I understand that the charge of the lion is so swift that you can’t move out of the way in time, although David did it. Amen. But the only way you could beat the lion at his move is to anticipate him and you know he is going to move and the moment he leaves the earth you are already moved and David moved and stepped aside and plunged his sword into him.

So we are talking about Samson now. Now Samson stepped aside, jumped on top of this lion and killed the lion like this with his one hand in the bottom jaw and one hand in the top jaw and he rent him right in two. Now that is impossible to conceive. Amen. You know I doubt that the tractor that you have outside there if it had the two ropes I doubt that it could do that to a lion. You can imagine the speed and the power. It was much like lightning “BOOM” and he just tore him in two. Now the scripture says that he rent him like you would rent a kid but I would like to see which man could rent a kid. You can’t even tear the dead skin of a kid with your hands, much less rent a whole kid in two, you see. Well men must have been really different, but you can’t rent a cat. No I doubt if you could tear a rat in two, but this is the situation Samson rent this lion in two. Now the lion is Satan. Do you see how the story has meaning? **THE STORY TAKES ON MEANING THE MOMENT YOU KNOW WHAT THE TYPES MEAN.**

So the lion is Satan. Now he rent him in two and threw down the carcass and brushed off his hands and came back out to his parents and the Bible says he didn’t tell them anything. But when he was going back home they had their little agreement or arrangement for the marriage to be at a certain date. When he was going back home what did he see? He saw bees make honey in the carcass of the lion. Bees, a hive of bees came down and found this lion’s carcass and made their nest, their hive inside of the carcass of the lion.

When he went back to the wedding feast now everybody was having sport so he said, “Alright, if anybody can guess my riddle I will give them thirty changes of garments.”

Now because that number is symbolic and it is highly meaningful, thirty is highly meaningful in the gospel. Thirty means sonship. Let me tell you something now, it is not every Christian who is a son of God. Amen. Anybody is against that? You see. When you hear me coming like that I want to trick you because I am going to show you it in the Bible, so I want you to say, “No, no, you are wrong.” But I can’t catch you that way so I might as well show you. You turn back to Romans Chapter 8 and verse 14. What does it say?

Ro 8:14 *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”*

So children of God are different from sons of God. In the Bible when the Bible says sons it means that you have come to age, you are matured in God and God can trust you with His business. So this number means sonship.

So Samson promised, Samson the church or Jesus, you know it is type and type. Samson – Jesus Christ promised the heathen, the sinners sonship if they can guess the riddle. So what is the riddle? Let me tell you the riddle. Let’s go back to Judges 14:14.

Jg 14:14 *“And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.”*

Now let me tell you what the riddle is. The riddle is (some of you might have guessed the riddle). Nobody can guess what the riddle, what the meaning of the riddle is in symbolic language? What does it mean? The gospel story – they could not guess the gospel story. The world could not guess the gospel story, the sinner could not guess it. Why? Somebody tell me why they couldn’t guess it. Give me a scripture for that.

1Co 2:14 *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*

“Because it is hidden from them.”

Praise God. That is the scripture I wanted. Praise His holy name. The sinners therefore cannot guess the gospel story, it is hidden from them and the man who is lost it is foolishness to him. Now the riddle therefore, let’s see if we can understand what it says. “That out of the eater came forth meat and out of the strong came forth sweet...” Now this eater, this killer, the lion/the devil, the scripture says in Genesis Chapter 3 and verse 15 that Jesus Christ would bruise the serpents head

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and the serpent would bruise His heel. So that means that God was showing that the church is to do to the Devil exactly what Samson did to the lion. Amen. Can you see that? That some of you guys are going to rise up in this last few days before the end of the world and do to Satan the Devil just like Samson did to the lion. Do you want me to show you that in the Bible? God called them overcomers. Let's turn our Bibles to Revelation and I think we could look at Chapter 12. It is in so many places that I could find three or four. Let's try 12 because this says they overcame him and it tells you how they did it.

Re 12:11 *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”*

Praise God. Overcomers overcoming the Devil by the tools that God has given you which was Samson's power – the Word and the Spirit and he tore him in two. Now this is where the sweetness comes in. Amen. Verse 12:

Re 12:12 *“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”*

You know I had a vision of seeing the sons of God rise up in the earth resurrected and when people look at them figures just screamed and ran. But all the prisons broke open and the Christians came out shouting and dancing in the street. I mean the whole atmosphere was charged electrified with joy as you have never known. People were just dancing wildly and didn't care anything more because behold, salvation had come.

You know six thousand years God and every angel sitting down waiting, watching you to see what you are going to do with the Devil in this last hour. This is why life is going to get tough, because all things carnal must come under the final test, Satan let loose on the earth. Those who love Satan will go to him and those who love God will go to Him. Amen. No more middle ground. Those who love Jesus will go to Him and those who love Satan will go to him and the Battle of Armageddon will be fought right before our eyes with spiritual power. Amen. Some of you think you are weak and think you speak the word and the power will ZAP the devil out there right before you. Amen. Praise God.

So let's go back to our story. We go back to Judges. So we see Samson going making arrangements, coming back, finding the honey in this carcass. Now he gives them this riddle and they cannot win. What do you think they did?

They went to his wife with swords and they said, “Come on now. If you don’t tell us we kill you and we kill your father’s house. You had better get it from him and tell us or else we are going to burn you with fire.”

So there was nothing else for her to do but to go to him and cry and plead with him and say, “Tell me now... You don’t love me if you don’t tell me.”

So he told her and when he told her they went to him and said, “What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion?”

He said, “If you didn’t go and fool around with my wife you would not have known it.” He said, “Okay. I will give you...”

Now the thirty garments, the thirty changes of garments he should have given them thirty of his own Israelitish garments. Now what is the meaning of garments? Can anyone tell me? Someone here knows it. I don’t think I should tell you. What is the meaning of clothes in the symbolic language? Come on now.

“Does it have something to do with righteousness?”

Yes sir it does. I was going to say it starts with “R”. Yes, the righteousness of the saints. So therefore what these people wanted, they wanted to catch salvation by the tail and they just have the righteousness put over them and that is it and they would just catch God. So what did Samson do? Samson went out and he killed thirty of their own men, took off their clothes, carried it and gave to them. They shouted that they had won and so on. The feast was over and when the shouts came out thirty men were dead and it was their clothes that he gave them.

They said, “Okay, we are going to get him.”

So since Samson was gone they got hold of his wife and they killed her and they murdered her and they beat her.

Now turn your Bibles back to Matthew 24 and you will see Jesus there speaking to the brethren and telling them what will happen to them.

Mt 24:9 *“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake.”*

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Amen. Hallelujah. So if people ridicule you for your Christianity, for your salvation it is nothing bad. I tell you something I have just seen. Last night over the news they had some girl there trying to deprogram her they say to get Jesus out of her.

They were there on her pointing and she said, “NO, I love Jesus. Jesus is real.”

They were down there saying, “You have been a disgrace upon your family, you joined this gang of...”

They don’t think too good of us – praise be to God. I don’t know who the brethren were but the girl sounded to me like she had Jesus. Amen.

She said, “No, you don’t know that Jesus is a lie.”

But of course you know they speak in tongues and they raise their hands and they call it psychological something that has gone bad with her upstairs.

Brethren let me tell you something: Your kids are going to face the devil face to face in the form of some of these psychological psychologists and psychiatrists that are around here now. They are saying about us that those who talk in tongues are demented. They say our wheels are turning backwards. They say we are crazy and they believe it. They believe it is a fact a medical fact. The day will soon come when they will come and try to take people and throw them into the pen to cure them or to deprogram them. That is exactly what they are doing over in California now with some of the *Children of God* groups. Now I don’t know if any of you have been acquainted with that group or know about that group but they call themselves the *Children of God* and they are trying to deprogram them. They actually have seen parents agree with this man to kidnap her from them and take her away. They have her in a house trying to deprogram her in continuous conditioning and they are going to see what God will do. So when you are praying remember to pray for some of these kids who are preaching persecution right now.

Some people will come and persecute you because your hair is long you know. Did you know that? They will just come out and do anything. If you speak in tongues and they hear they believe that you are crazy. So God said they would do these things to us and we know that since they did it to Paul, since they did it to Peter, since they did it to all those apostles, we are not better than they are. There is something wonderful here, we are better able to face that mass, that devil mass than those people because we are at the end of time and we know it won’t be long and the victory belongs to us anyhow. We read the back of the book and saw where we won. Amen. Praise the Lord.

We go back to brother Samson here. So they burnt the church with fire and they ill-treated her.



So Samson said, “All right. They burned my wife with fire, I’m going to burn up their crops with fire.”

So he got some foxes. Now I want you to notice that in the Songs of Solomon the scripture symbolically speaking of foxes says, “Take the little foxes that destroy the vines for our vines have tender grapes.” (Song 2:15) Now these foxes nibble on the vine and they eat off the vine and destroy the crop. Now the foxes, we generally look at foxes in the symbolic language as sin in your life, little sins in your life that destroy your life. Watch it now, Samson took their own foxes and lighted them on fire and let them loose in their own cornfield and burnt down their crops. So their sins are going to find them out. This is what God is saying. God is showing you that the sinner man, he made all these big bombs, he made all these mighty inventions of destructions. What for? Brother, he is going to destroy more sinners than Christians. May God save some of them because it seems to me that sinners will be saved when they are in trouble more than when they are having a good time.

So praise be to God. The foxes therefore refer to sin. So their sins are going to find them out. You notice I am quoting scripture for all of this.

Now we go back again and these people said, “Okay, Samson want it – let’s give it to him. We are going to take the whole of Israel this time and we are going to destroy Israel and we are going to take Samson.”

So they really did not know what they were playing with. Samson here is a type of the church in our power. Now Samson went up into a high rock, a high rock that only one man could come up at a time because he knows that when he is sleeping they would probably creep up on him but they couldn’t creep up on him where he was. So he went up into this rock and it was a cave and he went into the cave and lived up there.

So they said, “We can’t catch Samson, we are going to kill the Israelites.”

So they went and surrounded the church – you heard what I said? They surrounded Israel and they said, “The only way you can save yourselves is if you give up Samson.”

This is exactly what is going to happen. The people of the world are going to pressurize the church and the church is going to deny you and I, turn their backs on us. We are fanatics they say.

So the Israelites came to Samson and they said, “Why have you done us this Samson?” Have you heard that? “Why have you Samson done us this evil?”

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“What have I done?” he said.

“You know that these people are our bosses. You know that they rule us, they govern us and yet you go and provoke them. They said that if we deliver you up to them they will pull off and don’t hurt us.”

Samson said, “Okay. Promise me that you won’t hurt me yourselves.”

Now it is the church and the church. One man said that a fanatic is one who has gone on further in God than the person who is calling him a fanatic. Amen. So you find that it was Israel and Israel. Israel took Samson and bound him with a cord and took him down and delivered him to the Philistines. Oh the Philistines began to dance and mock him and they were having a good time. So they were leading him to their country now to have a good time down there with him. But they said, “Let’s have a little sport with him first.” They began to laugh at him and mock him. The Bible said the power of God came down on him and he shook himself like an animal – just shake himself like this and the cords dropped off his hands like fire burnt it. The cord they tied him with just dropped like fire burnt it. As it dropped off he turned around – he couldn’t get anything to fight with and he saw the jawbone of an ass. Now you just imagine what a jackass looks like – most of you here have seen jackasses and donkeys, his long jawbone.

He grabbed it and began to move through the host. Now these men has spears, long spears that would spear you from you were out here and these men were spear men and sword men and they had on armor and they were fighting men. They had shields and everything. Now what can the jawbone of an ass do against swords? But do you know what happened? They didn’t know what hit them. In other words if you hit a man with a spoon and you really hit him hard enough and fast enough he wouldn’t know what hit him. If he had an atom bomb in his pocket it wouldn’t help him. So this is what happened that day. Samson moved through that host like a bolt of lightning and by the time they knew what had happened one thousand men lay dead and those who could run ran.

He picked up the jawbone of the ass and drank from it. He was thirsty and water began to bubble up in it – living waters. Amen. Hallelujah. But one word he said, he said, “I am going to die, heaps upon heaps...I have killed men heaps upon heaps and now imagine I am in this desert place and I am going to die for a little water.” He wouldn’t drink their water you know. Did you notice that? They were soldiers, they must have had their water bottles – he wouldn’t drink their water and God bubbled water up. Do you know what that is? Samson as a type of Jesus Christ went into death, went into death and the living waters bubbled forth. Amen.

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John 7:37, 38, 39, “If any man thirst let him come unto me let him drink and in him shall spring up a well of living waters.”

So in verse 39 it says, “it was the Holy Ghost which we should receive after Jesus Christ died and rose again.”

So this Samson, this battle of his slaying these Philistines is the battle that Jesus fought at Calvary. Can you see that. The place was called Lehi and I’m sure that word Lehi has some meaning that would bring us right back to the Calvary experience. But after he defeated them there he went back home.

“Lehi means jawbone.”

Praise God. Well out of Lehi sprang forth water.

Now we go back again and we see this Samson went back home. The Philistines were well beat and they never bothered him again. For twenty years Samson ruled Israel quite nicely and just normal. But God stirred him up again. Now I want to show you the period of time between the first action when he was acting as the type of Christ – now he is coming around to start acting as a type of the church with a twenty year span between.

He went down again into the Philistines to look for another wife again. This time he met a harlot and this woman was a very bad woman. She had no good intentions towards him but she wanted to kill him. As a matter of fact she looked at him as a good investment. Samson was a good investment because they would make her rich and powerful and quite famous if she would deliver this mighty Samson over into the hands of these people who couldn’t touch him. So you can imagine Samson was over fifty years of age now for you can’t get a wife in Israel until you are thirty. You couldn’t get married unless you were thirty. So Samson must have been thirty when he was getting his wife then after that he spent twenty years ruling Israel and then he came back so he was over fifty years of age, but he was still mighty and powerful.

So he came into this place and he fell in love with this bad woman. I want you to know what the woman’s name was. Her name was Delilah and that is equal to the false church. Delilah is equal to the false church. Now this true church Samson fell in love with the false church and began to have a marriage between both of them, a union that was inordinate, it was not ordained of God.

As he continued there she decided to sell him out to the world so she made an arrangement with the lords of the Philistines to go behind the gate when he is coming out from her house and they should kill him at the gate. So they got a whole band of soldiers behind the wall – can you see it?

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The gate of the city maybe thirty, forty, fifty feet tall gate. A big old iron thing with big pillars which are so large that most of these gate keeper people live in side and there are streets on the walls up and down, people go up and down. So you can understand what kind of wall that is. You have seen the Great Wall of China in pictures so you have an idea. That massive gate Samson was coming out of her house early in the morning going home and he came towards the gate of the city and all of a sudden the Spirit of God just took him and he began to shake and he grabbed a hold of the gate and shook it. The men were behind the gate. Suppose you were behind the gate? What would you do brother? A sudden earthquake, the earth begin to tremble and the gate begin to shake and the whole wall was being shaken down. Samson rooted the gate out of the earth. I believe he must have backed up to it, you know what I mean. If he held it like this he wasn't tall enough really to lift the gate out. But what he could do is hold it and draw it right out of the root, hundreds of tons. Hundreds of tons, he drew it out of the root and lifted it over his head and hauled it, carried it up on top of a hill and deposited it. Those Philistines ran for their lives. Then he went home.



*(Picture of Ishtar's Gate of Babylon – but gives the size of the gates in those days.)*

He came back and Delilah began to tempt him. Hallelujah. Let me show you a scripture that flashes to me. Turn to the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Revelation and I'll show you that the false church tempts the true church. If you are of the true church you will always be tempted to go in and make a marriage with the system that is not obeying your Jesus. Do not have anything to do with groups and systems who will not follow Jesus. Amen.

Re 14:4 *“These are they which were not defiled with women...”*

That is the Delilah church. Do you know another woman in the Bible who represents the false church?

“The great harlot?”

Well the great harlot is the name of all of them, but Jezebel – the great harlot. So the great harlot is a church as described in Revelation. Right. Revelation 17:18. This harlot was represented by Delilah in this story. This harlot was tempting the life out of Samson. Okay.

So now what happened, what did really happen to brother Samson? He got weaker and weaker and weaker and there was a covenant that he had with God and the symbol of this covenant was that he should let his hair grow long; he should not drink any strong drink; and he should let his hair grow long. That was like you say you and I have a contract I give you a paper and you give me one. Well the paper or the mark of his contract in his body was that his hair should grow long and not be cut – no scissors, no razor should come on his head and he shouldn't tell anybody that because it was the secret that was between him and God and his father and mother. Samson, of course in those days long hair was a disgrace, a shame. People see you with long hair and they begin to laugh at you. If you read your scripture well you will notice that long hair was a shame. They laughed at people who had long hair.

So this man Samson had this covenant between him and God and he should not break the covenant. But lo and behold what happened? He told Delilah his secret. Let me show you that in your Bible where the church fell down.

*2Thes 2:3 “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;”*

*4 “Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth (WHERE? IN THE CHURCH!) in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”*

Praise the Lord. Do you see what I am saying? I am not giving you my own words, neither am I trying to say anything that God isn't saying through me. My contract with God is that I come before His people and He tells me what to tell them. So when I come in here this evening the Lord said, “Tell them about Samson.” So I didn't know what I was going to say, I just started off and as I go on the Lord just flash the scriptures before me. The last scripture that was flashed before me is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians, Chapter 2 and the verse 3 and 4.

*2Thes 2:4 “...he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”*

So it is the church, right in the middle of the church that the antichrist is going to come forth. Then God is going to give you a time when you can know of a truth when the antichrist is here. Let me turn you to that. Turn back to Matthew 24 and look at verse 15.

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Mt 24:15 *“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)”*

16 *“Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:”*

17 *“Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house.”*

Praise God. Now you see, God is telling you when you must flee from the carnal physical things of the world. He says, “Whenever you see this beast is set up in the earth, that is the one-world church and the one-world government joined together,” He says, “quit all your physical attainments and look up to God.” One scripture says, “look up and lift up your head.” Let me read it for you, the same passage in Mark 13, verse 14:

Mr 13:14 *“But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:”*

Do you follow what I am saying? There is a symbolism in your whole Bible. It has depth. *“Be in Judaea”*, Judaea is a low country, *“the mountains”* are a high place. “Them that be in Judaea get up into the mountains.” If you are in a low place in God, Judaea, Judah, Jesus, Judah – Jesus. Jesus was of the tribe of Judah. When you are in Judah - Jesus then you get up higher. Amen. When you see things begin to come to blood... This is what God is speaking to us tonight because young people will have to face the devils as much as old people. I believe that the young people are going to really stand up for God in this hour of distress that is going to come on our world.

So now we see here then – go back to Samson. He told Delilah, first of all he told her, he said, “if you tie my seven locks of my hair with a new rope I will be just like a baby. I can’t move.” He is playing with her. He is playing with death. This is when you play with a church that is backslidden from God. Amen. You are playing with the harlot, harlot religion, harlot church. Amen. His head was tied like this and she tied him up on the post of the house and she said, “Samson, Samson! The Philistines are upon thee!” He jumped out of his sleep and jumped off and took away the post of the house with his hair. Do you think your hair could stand that? Amen.

Now the last time, the next time he told her the truth and she got barbers and probable she doped him and that would break his covenant anyhow because he shouldn’t drink strong drink or take any heroin or any dope or things like that. She doped him, put him in a deep sleep and got a barber and shaved off all of his head, shaved off his head and made him bald. Then she said, “Samson, Samson! The Philistines are upon thee!” And when Samson got up and was ready to fight the men

just grabbed him and the Bible said he was like an ordinary man and he did not know until when he tried to move they held him and he couldn't move. God had departed from him.

Now did I read in Thessalonians that there would be a falling away? Quite! Now the church therefore fell down into great darkness. What happened? They took the Bible said they put out his eyes. In those days they had a way of putting out people's eyes. They got a sword and they put it in the fire and when it was red hot they just clop it over the eyes and it just fry your eyes. This is what they did. Let me tell you something. These people are in the darkness and they took out the Holy Ghost which is the eyes of the church. They took out the eyes of the church and left us blind. Hallelujah. This is why you have so many false doctrines in these religious systems. The government is pleased with religious systems that are just nominal and like social, they do good things, keep the hospitals and so on and so forth.

But the Lord did something! He brought the Holy Ghost again. Amen. As the Holy Ghost came Samson's hair began to grow. Those fellows had him chained and they forgot altogether that he had told them that the trick was in his hair. So his hair began to grow and I can see – do you know what they had him doing? Have you ever seen those mills that a mule goes around a post like this, right around the post and the mule grinds, there is a big heavy grinder in the middle and the mule is the motor that runs it, well that was what they had Samson doing. They had him pushing this thing around and around and around. But you see what happened, Samson found out the first day that it was hard for him, it was very tough on him. Then he began to get stronger and he could just easily push that thing around. He was there pretending like he was straining with it, straining with it but he was having an easier time. As his hair grew he felt his hair and he knew it was growing and he waited for his time.

He heard them talking, they were going to have sport with him. They were going to use him for sport and he knew the temple of Dagon that it was built... Remember he walked up and down there you know when he could see. He walked up and down there. He knew the temple of Dagon that it was a kind of architecture that was built like this. Talk about modern architecture, I don't think we have really seen anything. That was ultra-modern wherein the whole weight of the building rested on two massive pillars that were right beside each other. It was a building shaped off like a saucer and all the people sat around on the balconies hanging down. You know, different balconies hanging down and the whole chief weight was on this and they had arms coming this way. So the center of the stage would be right at the pillars you see. They were honoring Delilah that day and this great fish god Dagon was there and they were bowing to him and offering him sacrifice.

So as they begin to tease Samson, Samson said to the little boy that carried him. He said, "Just lead me to the pillar – I want to rest a little time." The boy led him to the pillar and he felt both pillars

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and the Bible said, I don't know how he did this, but the Bible said "he bowed himself." Probably he put his back on one pillar and his arms on the other pillar and he made a bow to push and he said, "God this once let me die with them" and the whole house came down. He killed how many, thirty thousand one time, something like thirty thousand. The Bible said he killed more in his death than in his life.

You know what that is? It is befitting with the sons of God exactly. The sons of God are going to give up their lives to prove to the world that they are immortal. Isn't that something? That is in Revelation 11. After they have finished their work and they knew now that they have gained immortality, nobody would believe them. But did they believe Jesus? He told them He was the Son of God but they wouldn't believe Him. He said, "Well, it would be good for you to die if you are the Son of God." They wanted to see if the Son of God could die. So the sons of God will give their lives up. They will slay them and they will lie down there three and a half days and they will get back up. Amen.

Would you like to see a man dead and his head lying down out there and he gets up and reaches over, picks up his head, puts it on, adjusts it properly and walks off. Amen. That is the condition. Praise be to God. That is what the Bible shows is going to happen. The sons of God who will be beheaded for the word of God. They will get up, pick up their heads and go back into the city and said, "Here we are. Alive forevermore." They will eventually speak the word against the sin and even that will save many sinners. They will speak the word against sin because God said they will beat their swords into plowshares. They are going to speak against every gun. If you have a gun in your drawer at home it is going to catch on fire and the guns will all be on fire. The things that are against God and against God's people will all be on fire. The prisons will all catch on fire and be destroyed. NO more prisons in our system. The concentration camps will all catch on fire and be destroyed. God that day will light fire in the whole earth in all the places of the devil and the men of sin will be slain and the devil himself will be arrested. Amen.

One of you guys might well go up to the false prophet who was filled with the spirit of the devil and said, "You spirits, I bind you for 1,000 years." And the Devil screams and you have got him. Amen.

The Bible says, "Christ will do it" but Christ will be in you. Christ in you, Christ was in Jesus reconciling the world unto God and Christ in you will be reconciling the world unto God also. So praise be to God.

This is the story of Samson and the story of the church. Every story in the Bible is like that. You try it. You go read some of them and see what happens.



Now any questions? Praise the Lord.

Question: Samson had long hair and Paul said long hair was a shame to man.

Brother Cecil: Yes, because long hair was a shame to a man you see. You see that is why God made Samson a laughing stock. He was a freak, he wasn't acceptable to society. He was bearing the reproach – like you – you bear the reproach of Jesus Christ. People laugh at you, they look at you as funny guy. They look at you to be talking something about Jesus and all that sort of thing. So God said Jesus Christ would be a rock of offense and a stumbling block in the church. Yes. Jesus Christ was reproached, laughed at, scoffed, mocked and so we are in the same position but praise God – this time we are coming forth with power and we will be overcomers and overcome everything including death. Praise God.

I am not saying that if one of you guys cut your hair you will lose your churches...unless God made that covenant with you. Praise God. That doesn't matter really. Amen.

You run out of questions so easily.

Question: What is the difference between the end time gospel and the previous gospel?

Brother Cecil: All right. The gospel of the end time is different from the previous gospel in that it is the development of the previous gospel, the gospel that has been given and has been preached and it is the development of it into the end of all things. God is bringing it to a finality, a conclusion. Now to bring this thing to conclusion God has seven years at the end of time in which He is going to bring this to a conclusion, the last seven years of time. Now nobody can be certain where the last seven years of time begins except by revelation. So we find God giving us certain signs. For instance God said, "Whenever you see the beast manifest on the earth you know it is 3½ years left." This is what I am saying. You look out and you see America, Russia, China and all the other nations joined together including Europe and you say, "Now this is it. That never happened from the world began." Once you see, you try, look at it.

Hitler almost did it. He failed. Napoleon intended to do it. He failed. Genghis Kahn would have done it, he conquered the whole of China, the whole of Russia, the whole of Europe and he failed. Amen. Alexander the Great, he thought he was going to do it. He failed. No man ever did it.

Now you see what is happening – how simple? Your President feels that he is going to get the whole world together. He is working right along this line. So far he has got them to come to the peace table, but you know Watergate intervened and kind of stopped the situation. Last night he was appealing to the nations. He said, "Let's put Watergate aside and let us go on with this thing

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we are doing.” God is giving us more time but it is going to happen. When you see it happen you know that it is it. Don’t let anybody tell you because the church believes that we are not going to be here during the tribulation, but the Bible says we will be here.

If you read Matthew 24 from the 21<sup>st</sup> verse it said...I’m going to ask you just like in school you would get a good piece of comprehension and they say, “Okay, tell us what this passage means in your own words.” Amen. So I am going to read a passage for you and ask you to tell me what it means in your own words.

Mt 24:21 *“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”*

22 *“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”*

23 *“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.”*

That means Christ hasn’t yet come and the elect will be there.

Mt 24:24 *“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”*

25 *“Behold, I have told you before.”*

26 *“Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.”*

27 *“For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”*

28 *“For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.”*

29 *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.”*

30 *“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”*

So tell me now, if you could read that and tell me that Jesus will come before the tribulation? This said in verse 29 *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light...”* The church will be darkened and the sons of God will die and the stars which are the sons of God will fall from heaven to the ground. That is what it is saying – and then shall appear Jesus Christ coming – the resurrection. Praise God. After the tribulation in many many scriptures. So that is what we mean by the end time.

This end time gospel is a gospel where Jesus Christ is Lord, Head, not just saying it. As I said before, not a bumper sticker but a really a heart sticker that you have got it stick/stick/stuck to the bumper of your heart and it keeps going on. Amen. Jesus is Lord. Once we make Jesus Lord then the church is not Lord, the people who say they are leading us is not Lord, we ourselves are not Lord. We are not going to do our thing. We will not do what we want to do, we will do what Jesus wants. So before you do anything ask *“Is this what Jesus wants?”* If you feel any worry inside, you don’t feel to do it, don’t do it. It is as simple as all that. Don’t let anybody force you to disobey that in here because that in there is Jesus Christ. Amen. That is what every saved person should believe.

But you see people are trying to tell you, *“Oh no, don’t follow your heart. Don’t do what your heart is saying. Do what I tell you.”*

You do what Jesus tell you, Jesus is talking inside here, begin to trust Him and if He knows you are going to trust Him and you are going to do what your heart tell you – He will make your heart tell you what to do. It is simple as all that. God is more interested than we are, we just have to work out an intelligent operation with Him and He will work according to what we know and what we agree on and what we believe. Amen.

Praise God.

*SONG*

*Jesus Christ is wonderful*

*Bless His holy name*

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*Hallelujah amen.*

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*Bless His holy name.*

*Do you know who made that? Arlene. Do you remember Arlene Flint from Danvers? We must give you her address, she would love to come and give you a talk sometimes.*

*Praise God. Well God bless you.*

## TYPES

*(Discussed in this message)*

1. Samson – natural man
2. Samson – type of Jesus Christ came down to sinners to get a bride
3. Sheep – type of a son of God
4. Samson's wife – type of the church, the bride of Christ
5. Lion – Satan
6. Thirty – sonship
7. Riddle – Mystery of the gospel of the kingdom
8. Samson's power – the Word and the Spirit – he tore lion in two
9. Thirty garments – type of righteousness of the saints (they wanted to just put on a robe and be righteous)
10. Foxes – type of sin
11. Israel – type of the church + Samson as the elect church
12. Water in the Jawbone of the ass – living waters.
13. Samson – type of Jesus Christ
14. Battle at Lehi with Jawbone – Jesus' battle at Calvary
15. Samson – type of the church
16. Delilah – type of false church
17. Jezebel – the great harlot
18. Samson's covenant with God – not drink strong drink/let hair grow long
19. Eyes – Holy Ghost is the eyes of the church – Harlot church took out the eyes of the church

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20. Samson killing the temple people – the sons of God destroying Satan’s host
21. Samson dying – sons of God dying to prove they are immortal