



### **Look Out Devil! It's Happening Again!**

(The progression of Spirit given Power)

#### **Judges 16:4-6 (NKJV)**

4 Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah. 5 And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, “Entice him, and find out where his great strength *lies*, and by what *means means* we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred *pie* *pieces*of silver.”

6 So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me where your great strength *lies*, and with what you may be bound to afflict you.”

The Bible tells us that Samson was a Nazirite unto God.

#### **Nazirites:**

No wine or strong drink – Senses cannot be dulled

No unclean food (must eat kosher foods) – don’t partake of the unholy

Could never go around a dead body – Death brings feelings of darkness

Never cut his hair – Hair is representative of a covering/protection

There is power in Separation...

Samson’s strength came from his vow of separation.

- A common misconception about Samson – When you think of Samson, what kind of man do you picture? (Big, Strong, etc.)
- The Bible never gives any reference to Samson’s physique.
- In fact the Bible gives us the inclination that Samson, was the exact opposite of what we picture him to be.
- The fact that his enemies, in verse 5 and 6 asked, where does you strength come from?
- The fact that they even had to ask the question lets me know that Samson’s physical appearance had nothing to do with his strength.

Samson may have been the geekiest, nerdiest looking guy on the block, but when Samson went to battle, something happened...

When Samson came around, I can see all those Philistine soldiers begin to nudge each other and say, Look out man, it’s about to happen again...

Jesus:

Was born as a poor carpenter’s son – Was born as God incarnate

Lived his life as a pauper – In the Spirit he was the King of kings

Was a carpenter by trade – He was the builder of the kingdom of heaven

Tortured by men – Worship by angels

Died as a thief – Rose again as a Savior

He wasn't much to look at, but He was so driven by the Spirit that He was the greatest thing that has ever happened to humanity.

What was it that made Jesus great?

It was the Spirit that was in him!

It's all about the Spirit!

4 times we have record of this statement being made about Samson...

"The Spirit of the Lord came upon him."

That's where Samson's strength lied.

But there was progression that took place.

Judges 13:24-25 (NKJV)

24 So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. 25 **And the Spirit of the Lord began to move upon him** at Mahaneh Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

(NIV) 25 and the Spirit of the Lord began to **stir him**...

This was the beginning of Samson's commitment to the Lord.

Even in the beginning the Spirit of the Lord was on him.

Nothing great and miraculous had happened to him yet, but the Spirit was still moving in his life.

Judges 14:5-6 (NKJV)

5 So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah.

Now to his surprise, a young lion *came* roaring against him. 6 **And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him**, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though *he had* nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

While Samson was traveling alone the Spirit moved on him and he conquered this lion, and still nobody knew that God had done this through Samson.

The progression is taking place here.

But still nobody else knows the power of Samson's strength given to him by the Spirit.

Judges 14:19 (NKJV)

19 Then **the Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily**, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of their men, took their apparel, and gave the changes of *clothing* to those who had explained the riddle. So his anger was aroused, and he went back up to his father's house.

Now God has begun to show everyone else that He has chosen Samson.

It's a progression of power.

Judges 15:14-15 (NKJV)

14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then **the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him**; and the ropes that *were* on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands. 15 He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, reached out his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it.

Now God has used Samson to perform a miraculous victory that the entire world knew about to prove that anything can be accomplished through someone who will allow the Spirit to flow through them!

It's all about the Spirit of God.

That's what we need right now, is the Spirit of God to begin to flow through us!

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**Philippians 1:19-20 (NKJV)**

19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and **the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**, 20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.