

# THE DECEPTION OF SIN - 1/11/2026

**Judges 16:18-21 (ESV):**

***“When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, “Come up again, for he has told me all his heart.” Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands. She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” And he awoke from his sleep and said, “I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the Lord had left him. And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison.”***

## INTRODUCTION

- Sin is not loud at the beginning—it whispers.
- It does not come dressed as death but as pleasure, comfort, and convenience.
- Sin is a deadly poison that often presents itself as harmless enjoyment.
- The life of Samson teaches us a sobering lesson: anointing does not cancel consequences. Samson was strong, gifted, chosen, and anointed by God, yet he fell—not suddenly, but gradually. Sin did not destroy him in one night; it wore him

down little by little until his strength was gone, his eyes were put out, and his destiny was mocked.

- The Bible declares, “For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).
- That death is not only physical—it is spiritual, emotional, relational, and eternal.
- Playing with sin is like playing with fire. You may feel warm at first, but you will eventually get burned. This morning, God is warning us in love: do not play with sin.

## 1. SIN IS DECEPTIVE

Sin never tells the whole truth.

a) Sin disguises itself as pleasure

Hebrews 11:25 calls it *“the pleasures of sin for a season.”*

Sin feels good briefly but ends in bitterness.

b) Sin blinds people to consequences

2 Corinthians 4:4 (ESV) states “In their case, the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”.

Sin clouds judgment and dulls spiritual sensitivity.

c) Sin makes promises it cannot keep

Proverbs 14:12 warns that there is a way that seems right but ends in death.

Sin promises fulfillment but delivers emptiness.

Sin creates false confidence

1 Corinthians 10:12 says, “Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”

Many believe they can stop anytime—until they cannot.

**Example:**

Eve believed the serpent’s lie that the fruit would make her wise, but it brought the fall of mankind (Genesis 3:1–6).

## **2. SIN ENSLAVES**

Sin never remains a visitor—it becomes a master.

a) Sin leads to bondage

Jesus said, “Whoever commits sin is a servant of sin” (John 8:34).

b) Sin weakens spiritual strength

Judges 16:20 says Samson did not know the Lord had departed from him.

Sin drains spiritual power quietly.

c) Sin robs joy and peace

David cried, “Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation” (Psalm 51:12).

Sin steals joy before it destroys destiny.

d) Sin destroys spiritual authority

The sons of Sceva learned that without obedience, authority is empty (Acts 19:15–16).

**Example:**

Samson became a prisoner grinding in the enemy's camp (Judges 16:21).

What he failed to fight privately, he suffered publicly.

### **3. SIN BRINGS SHAME AND DESTRUCTION**

Sin always overpromises and underdelivers.

a) Sin exposes nakedness

After Adam and Eve sinned, shame replaced innocence (Genesis 3:7).

b) Sin damages reputation

Proverbs 6:33 says sin brings wounds and dishonor.

c) Sin destroys destiny

Romans 6:23 reminds us that sin ends in death.

d) Sin separates from God

Isaiah 59:2 says sin builds a wall between God and man.

**Example:**

Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus and ended in shame and regret (Matthew 27:3–5).

### **4. SIN MAKES A PERSON VULNERABLE TO THE ENEMY**

Sin removes spiritual covering.

a) Sin breaks divine protection

Ecclesiastes 10:8 says when the hedge is broken, the serpent bites.

b) Sin gives Satan a foothold.

Ephesians 4:27 warns us not to give the devil room., don't give the devil the opportunity.

c) Sin removes divine covering

Psalms 91 applies to those who dwell in God's presence.

d) Sin turns blessings into curses

Deuteronomy 28:15 shows that disobedience opens doors to affliction.

### **Example:**

King Saul disobeyed God, and the Spirit departed from him (1 Samuel 16:14).

## **5. VICTORY OVER SIN IS POSSIBLE IN CHRIST**

This message is not condemnation—it is deliverance.

a) Jesus came to save from sin

Matthew 1:21 says He saves His people from their sins.

b) The blood of Jesus cleanses sin

1 John 1:7 assures us of forgiveness and cleansing.

c) The Holy Spirit empowers victory

Galatians 5:16 teaches us to walk in the Spirit.

d) The Word of God preserves holiness

Psalm 119:11 says hiding God's Word keeps us from sin.

**Example:**

The woman caught in adultery was forgiven and restored, with a command to live differently (John 8:10–11).

**CONCLUSION**

- Sin is dangerous.
- To play with it is to gamble with your destiny, peace, and eternity.
- But the good news is this: God restores repentant hearts.
- The same God who restored Samson in his final moment is ready to restore anyone who sincerely turns back today.
- Flee sin.
- Resist the devil. Walk in holiness through the power of Jesus Christ.