

I. Samson’s Moral Weakness On Display (1)

“Samson went to Gaza, and there he saw a prostitute, and he went in to her.”

- Samson had been humiliated
- Samson had given in to his wrath
- Samson had lost his woman
- Men are susceptible to lust during times of exhaustion, anger and loss

II. The Enemy’s Deadly Strategy In Motion (2)

“The Gazites were told, “Samson has come here.” And they surrounded the place and set an ambush for him all night at the gate of the city. They kept quiet all night, saying, “Let us wait till the light of the morning; then we will kill him.”

Our enemy is like Samson’s: organized, working in darkness, preferring to go unnoticed, patient, committed to destroy

III. The Lord’s Sovereign Grace For Samson (3)

A. God kept him awake (3a) – “But Samson lay till midnight, and at midnight he arose...”

B. God stirred him up (3b) - “...and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts, and pulled them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders...”

C. God broke him out (3c) – “...and carried them to the top of the hill that is in front of Hebron.”

IV. The Flesh’s Proven Failure In Life (4-6)

A. The cycle resumes (4) – “After this he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.”

B. The danger reappears (5) – “And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, “Seduce him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to humble him. And we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver.”

C. The temptation repeats (6) – “So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me where your great strength lies, and how you might be bound, that one could subdue you.”