



SAMSON AND THE SHADY LADY

Judges 16:1-3

INTRODUCTION

Heb. 12:1; 1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 4:27

"I can resist anything but temptation.

The only way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it."

Oscar Wilde

I. SAMSON AND HIS DEFILEMENT - v. 1

A. Involved The Wrong Address - *"Samson went to Gaza..."*

Proverbs 4:14-15; 2 Pet. 2:8

"Gazites" = Philistines

B. Involved The Wrong Attractions – *"and there he saw a prostitute"*

Matt. 5:28; Psa. 119:37; Job 31:1; Pro. 4:25-27

C. Involved The Wrong Alliances – *"and he went in to her"*

James 1:13-15; Pro. 16:18; 1 Cor. 10:12; Pro 22:24-25; 1 Cor. 15:33

Some people get so far away from the Lord that they do not need to be tempted; all they really need is an opportunity.

II. SAMSON AND HIS DISCOVERY - v. 2

A. Something About Sin's Surrounding Work – *“they surrounded the place”*

B. Something About Sin's Steady Work – *“set an ambush for him all night”*

C. Something About Sin's Silent Work – *“They kept quiet all night”*

Pro. 16:25; Matt. 7:13-14

D. Something About Sin's Slaying Work – *“Let us wait till the light of the morning; then we will kill him.”*

Rom. 6:23; James 1:15; 1 Cor. 15:55-57; 1 John 1:9; Rom. 6:11-14

III. SAMSON AND HIS DELIVERANCE - v. 3

A. The Power Of His Deliverance – *“carried them to the top of the hill that is in front of Hebron.”*

Matt. 12:34-35; Matt. 15:17-20

B. The Pardon Of His Deliverance

Heb. 12:6-11; Rev. 3:19

CONCLUSION

If Samson teaches us anything, he teaches us the truth that we must guard our hearts. We must shield our lives from all the evil influences that would lead us away from God. Watch the places you go. Watch the things you give you attention to. Watch the people you associate with. If sin is allowed to sink its fangs in your life, it will coil itself around you until it has choked the life right out of you. It will not stop until it has destroyed you and everything you love. The time to kill the serpent of sin is right now.