

Tears of a Strong Man

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Judges 13:1-5

I. Strong Men : _____ Boundaries

A. Samson Dealt with Them His Whole Life

1. Even before he was born...
 - a. His mother was told, “*be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing.*” (v. 4)
 - b. God put Samson under this vow as a way of keeping him from spinning out of control.
 - c. Samson was taught as a child to respect God’s law.
 - d. Samson did this too! Just a few small compromises. He always had his strength as a safety net.
2. “*The boy shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb,*” (v. 5).
 - a. The Nazarite Vow as given in **Numbers 6** contains 3 main rules & regulations...

B. You will be _____

1. Many men today don’t think their sin is *any big deal*. But when sin gets its teeth into us... *bad!!!*

Judges 16:21

C. You will be _____

1. Sin has a way of turning even the strongest men into pathetic buffoons...
 - a. Samson wasn't the only one for which this was true...

2 Samuel 12:7

Matthew 27:4-5

- b. God has a way of bringing the secret sins of strong men out into the open.

Zephaniah 1:12

D. You Can be Spared (4 simple steps to ensure you will not have to be either shackled or shamed...)

1. #1 – _____ the joy of living within God's boundaries!

Acts 3:19

2. #2 – _____ all activities that lured you outside of God's boundaries in the past.

2 Peter 2:20

Luke 14:26

3. #3 – _____ the fences you have trampled

1 Timothy 4:8

Revelation 2:5

4. #4 – _____ in the mercy and grace of a forgiving God!

Philippians 4:4

CONCLUSIONS:

John 3:3, 5

Galatians 3:26-27

Mark 16:16