

BIBLE WOMEN - DELILAH - LOVER OF MONEY

1 TIMOTHY 6:5-10

A love of immorality and money can bring down a strong man.
Samson lived in stubborn rebellion, and it was used against him.

I. THE PLACE

- A. In the Sorek Valley of ancient Philistia JUDGES 16:4
 - 1. After his failed marriage with a Philistine
 - 2. After his sin with a harlot (vs. 1)
- B. Living under Philistine rule since JUDGES 13:1
 - 1. The seventh time Israel had turned from God
 - 2. Now they needed a deliverer (~1045 BC)

II. THE PERSON

- A. We don't know much about Delilah
 - 1. We know where she lived, her nationality
 - 2. We know what she loved JUDGES 16:5
- B. There were 5 lords JUDGES 3:3 = 5500 pieces of silver
 - 1. At 16 grams per shekel, that's 2829 ounces
 - 2. Today (2023) price \$22.64 = \$64,048.56
 - 3. But in daily WAGES as much as \$957,000.00!!!

III. THE PERSUASION

- A. She asked him many times JUDGES 16:4-20
 - 1. Each time PROVING that she was not trustworthy
 - 2. She "pressed him daily" (vs. 16)
 - 3. This is NOT nagging, this goes far beyond
- B. He reveals that he is a Nazarite (under a vow)
 - 1. Touch no unclean thing - ate from the dead lion
 - 2. Stay away from wine - always in the vineyards
 - 3. Reveals his secret (but already broken his vow)

IV. THE PENALTY

- A. Samson was weakened, captured, blinded, and died
 - 1. Solomon echoes this (ECC. 7:26)
 - 2. Samson known as a man of weak moral strength
 - 3. Delilah known as the one who defeated him
- B. We see no more of Delilah in the Bible
 - 1. Shows strength of CHARACTER > Physical
 - 2. Shows what people will do for money

ECC. 7:26 - "And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.'