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"FASTER THAN A LOCOMOTIVE. MORE POWERFUL THAN A SPEEDING BULLET. ABLE TO LEAP TALL BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND. LOOK! UP IN THE AIR! IT'S A BIRD. IT'S A PLANE. IT'S SUPERMAN. SUPERMAN. VISITOR FROM A STRANGE PLANET ENDOWED WITH POWERS AND ABILITIES BEYOND THOSE OF MORTAL

MEN. SUPERMAN. WHO, DISGUISED AS CLARK KENT, MILD-MANNERED REPORTER FOR THE DAILY PLANET, WAGES A NEVER ENDING BATTLE FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND THE AMERICAN WAY." SUPERMAN IS FICTION. YEARS AGO, THERE LIVED A REAL SUPERMAN. HE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET OR ABLE TO LEAP TALL BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND, BUT HE DID HAVE SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH. SAMSON'S STRENGTH CAME FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. HERE ARE A FEW OF THE FEATS THAT SAMSON ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE STRENGTH OF THE SPIRIT.

- RIPPED A LION APART WITH HIS BEAR HANDS.
- KILLED 30 PHILISTINES (14:19)
- BURNT THE PHILISTINE FIELDS (15:4-6)
- KILLED PHILISTINES AFTER THEY KILLED HIS WIFE (15:7-8)
- KILLED 1000 PHILISTINES WITH A DONKEY JAWBONE (15:14-17)
- TORE DOWN THE GATES AT GAZA (16:3)
- KILLED 3000 PHILISTINES AT HIS DEATH.

HE WAS LITERALLY A SUPERMAN. AND LIKE SUPERMAN, HE HAD KRYPTONITE; HE HAD A WEAKNESS. HE WAS OFTEN DISTRACTED. SAMSON WAS CALLED TO A DEVOTED LIFE, BUT WAS DISTRACTED BY HIS FLESH. YOU HAVE ALSO BEEN CALLED TO A LIFE OF DEVOTION. YOU MUST REMOVE THE DISTRACTIONS THAT CAUSE YOU TO LIVE AN UN-DEVOTED LIFE.

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- I. SAMSON WAS CALLED TO A LIFE OF DEVOTION.
- II. SAMSON WAS CAUGHT UP IN A LIFE OF DISTRACTION.
  - A. HE WAS DISTRACTED BY IMMORALITY.
  - B. HE WAS DISTRACTED BY HIS SENSES.

HE SAW, HE WANTED, HE GOT. HE DID ALL THESE THINGS BECAUSE THEY "PLEASED" HIM.

- III. SAMSON WAS CAUGHT IN A WEB OF DECEPTION.
  - A. HE WAS DECEIVED BY HIS FLESH.
  - B. HE WAS DECEIVED BY HIS "STRENGTH."

IV. SAMSON WAS CHASTENED FOR HIS PATTERN OF DISTRACTION.

- V. SAMSON WAS CONCENTRATED ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.
  - A. HE WAS CONVINCED OF HIS STRENGTH'S ORIGIN.
  - B. HE WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS DEPENDENCE.- HEBREWS 11:32

REMEMBER, THE PURPOSE FOR SAMSON'S LIFE WAS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF DEFEATING THE PHILISTINE'S. SCHOLARS BELIEVE THAT SAMSON DIED APPROXIMATELY 1055 B.C. GUESS WHAT HAPPENS ABOUT 30 YEARS LATER. IN APPROXIMATELY 1022 B.C.? DAVID DEFEATS GOLIATH OF THE PHILISTINE'S. GOD USED SAMSON, A PROUD, DISTRACTED, SELF-CENTERED YOUNG MAN TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES. WHAT GRACE!

YOU MUST REMOVE THE DISTRACTIONS THAT CAUSE YOU TO LIVE AN UN-DEVOTED LIFE. WHAT ARE THEY? WHAT ARE THE THINGS OF THIS EARTH THAT YOU SEE AND TURN YOU ASIDE? DO NOT ALLOW THOSE THINGS TO DECEIVE YOU. YOU WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR YOUR SIN JUST LIKE SAMSON. YOU MUST COME THE PLACE WHERE SAMSON DID. GOD IS SOVEREIGN. HE IS WHERE MY STRENGTH COMES FROM.