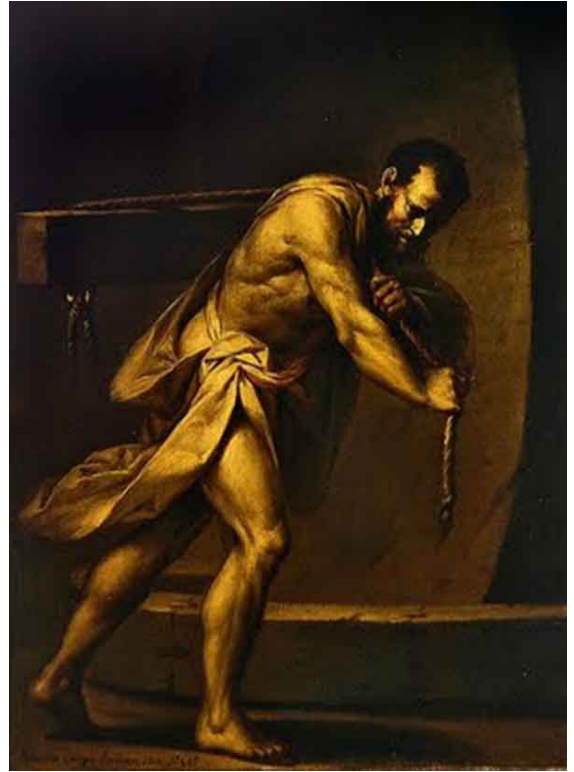


*"And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. And she said, 'The Philistines be upon thee, Samson.' And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, 'I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself.' And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and Bound Him With Fetters of Brass; And He Did Grind in The Prison House." Judges 16:19-21 KJV*



Delilah was a spy for the Philistines. Samson loved her in spite of her repeated attempts to enslave him. He fell asleep in evil's lap and awoke powerless. Samson's story is the essence of an unequal yoke. You might exclaim, "But he loved her!" Therein lies the Devil's secret. What you love will fetter your life. Jesus said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I Will Give you rest. Take My Yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I Am Meek And Lowly In Heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My Yoke Is Easy, And My Burden Is Light." The secret to fighting evil is to amend the associations that channel desire.

You'll fall in love with what surrounds you, because it occupies your focus and thoughts. The world might pat you on the back and tell you "You're a great person!" but they or Satan through them will secretly be your downfall. Evil tolerates Faith until it finds a way to destroy it. "Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: 'Eat and drink,' saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words." What surrounds a person is what they will love. You need only observe their surroundings to determine veracity of someone's, "I love God!" It will ring hollow on the lips of a beer hall drunk! Samson was seduced, bound, blinded, and put to hard labor, because he fell in love with evil. There is no Pure Love outside of Holiness; only lust. Sin is always pretty and it will first lull you to sleep, then it will blind you and "bound [you] with fetters of brass; and [you will] grind in the prison house" of sin! Samson got his strength back, but remained helplessly blind and imprisoned until his death.

While Samson slept on Evil's knee,  
Her evil friends he did not see,  
His hair was plucked, his eyes were shut,  
And he in prison house was put! –CGP

God Will Surely Forgive sin, but YOU will bear its consequences. God Does Not Lie. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." You cannot sin unscathed, dear Believer! Lie in Evil's lap and you will "grind in the prison house. 'Therefore also now,' Saith the LORD, 'turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for He Is Gracious And Merciful, Slow to Anger, And of Great Kindness.'" Forsake your sin, come back to God, repent, then God may "restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten!" Don't be a loser!

*"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they Are Written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God Is Faithful, Who Will Not Suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but Will with the temptation also Make A Way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry." 1 Corinthians 10:11-14 KJV*