THREE THINGS SIN WILL ALWAYS DO
Hebrews 3:12, 13

INTRODUCTION:
1. The deceitfulness of sin lures many unsuspecting souls to spiritual ruin!
   A. Things like immorality, false doctrine, defiled consciences, and compromise all seek to bring about man’s spiritual downfall.
   A. Samson serves as a great example of this.
      1. Sin in his life caused him to never live up to his potential - Heb. 11:32.
      2. Though a judge he was often ruled by personal revenge and lustful passions which weakened his devotion to God.
      3. Only in death was he fully impressed that his strength was from God - Judges 16:17, 20, 28.
3. From Judges 16 we want to see three things sin will always do.

BODY:
1. SIN WILL ALWAYS TAKE YOU FARTHER THAN YOU WANTED TO GO - Judges 16:4-20.
   A. Samson's will was finally broken by the constant enticements of Delilah - vrs.15-17.
      1. At first he had no intention of telling her - vrs. 7, 11, 13.
      A. He should have simply told her that it was "from God" and that's final.
   B. The allurement of sin must be rejected from the first - Prov. 1:10-16; 4:14, 15; 1 Cor. 15:33.
   C. Sin, when given occasion, will always progress into further evil - Psalm 1:1.
      1. Error is as a cankerous sore - 2 Tim. 2:16-18; Rom. 16:17, 18.
      2. Evil grows worse and worse - 2 Tim. 3:13.
      3. It hardens and condemns - Heb. 6:4-6.
2. SIN WILL ALWAYS KEEP YOU LONGER THAN YOU WANTED TO STAY - Judges 16:20, 21.
   A. Samson had no intention of remaining bound - v. 20.
      1. But he did not know that God had left him due to his actions.
      2. When sin allures us we often don't consider the bondage it causes - Prov. 3:29-35.
         1. We experiment with sin and overlook how it blinds our hearts - 2 Cor. 4:4.
   B. The story of the Prodigal son serves to illustrate this point well - Lk.15:11-32.
      1. His riotous living led to despair and desperation- vrs. 14, 15.
   C. We need to beware of the controlling power of sin - Jhn. 8:34; Rom. 7:22, 23; 6:11-14; 1:18-32.
3. SIN WILL ALWAYS COST YOU MORE THAN YOU INTENDED TO PAY - Judges 16:30.
   A. Samson's recklessness with God's blessing cost him his sight, his dignity, his strength, his freedom, and finally his life - Jdg. 16:21, 25, 30.
      1. Finally he acknowledged God as the source of his strength and God blessed
him one last time - vrs. 21, 28-30.

B. Choosing sin will cost you:
1. Your soul - Rom. 6:23; Mk. 8:36, 37.
3. Peace of mind, peace with man, and with God - Phil. 4:6, 7.
   A. Sin alienates you from God and robes you of your peace - Col. 1:21.
4. Your dignity and honor - Eph. 5:12.
5. Heaven - Mt. 25:46.
C. Instead of paying the price of sin, pay the price of discipleship - Lk. 14:26-33.
   1. Devotion, sacrifice, separation from sin, and holiness.

CONCLUSION:
1. We need to learn from Samson.
   A. Sin will always do these three things!
   B. Don't be deceived into thinking you can master sin by yourself - 1 Cor. 10:12.
      1. Only in Christ is victory achieved! - Eph. 6:10, 13.
      2. By obedient submission to His truth!