Topic:

THE UNFORGETTABLE SLEEP

Bible Text: Judges 16:19

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Prayer

Dear Father, the Creator of the universe, we thank You for another lovely moment before Your presence, we pray that You'd teach us the truth of Your word tonight as You have always taught us. We pray that at the end we will not miss heaven in Jesus name. Amen.

Study

I welcome everyone to tonight's study, it's so wonderful and adorable to be in the presence of our daddy, our Lord Jesus Christ, we return all glory and adoration back to Him because He only deserves our praises. As we proceed further into tonight's study, I want you to say this to yourself. **My seat in heaven will not be empty at last.**

So quickly Tonight, we are running through the story of a particular figure in the Bible, not his full story though but just a particular verse and for us to have a wonderful and awesome knowledge of that particular verse, we will run through the chapter, turn your bibles with me to the book of Judges 16 Here we see Samson the strongest man, we are made known that Samson was the strongest man then (even though nobody has beaten his record till date) and how he grew up to fight against the philistines, many of us know how strong the Bible described him and this was because of the presence of God that was with him.

Judges 16:1 KJV:

Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.

Samson's fall started when he went to Gaza and saw an harlot (a prostitute) and he went in (had sex) to her, Samson knew that the lady was an harlot but he still went in to her and spent the whole night with her, it's just like these days, people who go about paying prostitutes and sleeping with them, it was recorded that Samson went in to this harlot.

Judges 16:2 KJV: And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him. 3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron.

Samson was with the harlot till midnight before he took the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts and put them on his shoulders, climbing to the top of an hill with these heavy things. With this, you would agree with me that a normal human being wouldn't do such a thing except God is with him or he has some kind of demonic/supernatural power, for a normal human to carry a wooden door, it's sometimes a problem talkless of carrying the doors of the gate of the city and climbing the top, the highest part of an hill, what a mystery! Let's move, after committing fornication with an harlot, he fell in love with a woman called Delilah, I want us to know that the downfall of a man is not once, it's gradual, one does not backslide once, it's gradually this is why the bible says let he that think he stands, take heed lest he falls 1 Corinthians 10:12 which means irrespective of who you are, if you are not careful enough, you can fall. Judges 16:5 KJV: And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver. When the philistines saw that Samson was in love with someone, they had to use the influence of such love on him, they knew the power of love, they knew what love could do and they approached Delilah telling her to entice Samson for him to be caught and afflicted by them, Kai, this makes me know that it is someone closer to one that is usually used against one most times, never trust anybody except God.

Delilah disturbed Samson after she had been bribed, you would see that the love of money in women didn't just come in this generation, it has been right from the beginning for Delilah to have been bribed with such an huge amount of money. Delilah disturbed Samson to know his strength and Samson told her fake things most times till she got tired and pressed upon Samson more and more, hmm Judges 16:16 KJV: **And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death**; She disturbed him and Samson later told her where his strength lied and after he told her, she called the lords of the Philistines and told them that Samson had told her his heart and this is what will lead us to tonight's topic and to where we are

going to exactly

Is someone following?

Judges 16:19 KJV: **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 made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man**, why would she have made him sleep especially on her knees? She knew that sleep is the relaxation of the muscles and the body and she knew that when one is deep asleep, such person is as a dead man, why? The person doesn't know what is going on around him again, even if such person is touched, he won't know, why? The body has been subjected to some kind of relaxation which makes the body and most of the sensitive parts of the body down and cease functioning.

Why would the lord have caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam when He wanted to take out of his ribs to create the woman? Genesis 2:21 KJV "And the LORD God caused a **deep sleep** to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;" Before a mighty transaction can occur in someone in the physical realm, there must have been a deep sleep caused upon such person, this is why if you want to go against the devil's plan, you just wake up every midnight and pray seriously, they know that men are sleeping so they try to perform such huge and deadly transaction on such person for the person to be ignorant of and for their work to be perfected.

Sleep was created by God for one to rest after the day's work, God knows that one might have gotten tired so he created a particular moment for sleep this is why there is day and night but the kingdom of darkness now make use of night mostly, why? Because men claim that for you to sleep in the evening, you must sleep till like 5 or 6 in the morning for you to be energized not knowing that the devil has plans for the children of God at night and if all night, such person does not pray and the person's prayer life is low, such person would be drawn little by little which might lead to such person's fall

Delilah deliberately allowed Samson to sleep on her knees just for her to monitor his sleep, I am sure he would have been receiving some patting on his back like a little baby whose mother is petting to sleep, who knows if Delilah was also singing him a lullaby, we were only made to know that she made him sleep, which means she lured him into sleeping on her knees thereby monitoring his sleep, this is how some people have been monitoring our downfall, they want us to backslide, they want us to be put to shame but I tell you that as long as you are for Christ, the Lord shall fight for you and put your enemies to shame in Jesus name.

Many people are indirectly sleeping on Delilah's laps these days, what do I mean by this? They walk ignorantly in the midst of temptations, stay in the area of sin, they try to engage in things that would give them pleasure, Samson never knew that the sleep he slept that day would be the one that would lead to his destruction, if he had known, I am sure he wouldn't have slept at all that day, the few minutes pleasure changed his life

and turned him from being the strongest man to someone that was being mocked, someone who was always envied and looked upon turned to someone people were laughing at and making jest of. After Delilah, lured him to sleep, she called for a man to shave off the seven locks of his head. Hmm, what kind of sleep would a man sleep to the extent that he won't be aware when his hair is being shaven, this is why you should never underestimate the power of a woman, if you are married here, never underestimate your wife, never look down on her, treat her well and ensure that she gives you her full support, when a man starts rejecting the godly advice of his wife, that is when he starts losing it, if you are not married yet, never underestimate your mother, make good use of any godly advice she gives you, they go a long way in someone's life.

If you are following, shout GLORY!!

I want you to take note of something here. Seven means perfection and we are made to know that whenever the Spirit of the Lord is upon Samson, the seven locks of his head would stand. Samson's strength has been perfected this is why the locks were seven on his head and that is why nobody could engage him in a fight and win him, why? His strength has been perfected but when the man came and shaved off his hair, the man shaved off the perfected work on Samson and he needed no one to tell him that his strength had left him because it showed later when he wanted to engage in a fight. Many people has been destined to be great men and women of God but because of their nonchalant attitude and carelessness, their perfected work is being shaved off by the devil, the devil has come in to them through love for money and material things, love for the pleasures of this world, love for different kind of things.

The seven locks of Samson's head that was perfected was what gave his head the power which distributed round the body, we know that the head is the main and sensitive part of the body, without the head, no one would live, the seven locks served as a source to which the head got strength which was now passed all over his body and when the seven locks were shaved off, the head was disconnected from the source of power and power stopped flowing into the body. It's just like you plugging your charging into a socket or extension box, if the charger is disconnected from the source which is the socket, the charger which should pass power to the phone won't get power talk more passing it to the phone, why? Because it was disconnected from the source. When a man forgets his source which is Jesus Christ the source of power of such a person, it will go off, such person will cease to receive from Jesus because he has been disconnected from the source.

Maybe people these days get disconnected from Christ which is the source over little little things like worries, lack of faith in God, covetousness, problems in marriage, problems in getting a job, spouses and promotion, they are not recognizing the fact that when you stay connected to the source, you still have something to tap no matter what because the source will keep sustaining you. It's just like you disconnecting your charger from your phone just because you are operating the phone and it's slow in charging as a result or not even increasing in percent at all, when you disconnect your

charger from the source, the phone later gets to it's lowest percentage and shutdown because it has no source to tap power from, but if you drop the phone without operating it and leave it connected to the source still, later, it might take a little time though but it starts charging and increases till it gets to 100%, when we stay connected to Jesus Christ despite the challenges and we allow Him take over, He takes control and at last we are 100% rooted in Him and our prayers are answered

When you get disconnected from the word of God as your source, you find it hard to do His will because His will is clearly stated in His word, when you get disconnected from prayers as your source, you find it hard to live a holy and sinless life because prayers keep one on track and makes us conscious of sin, it also makes the devil afraid to move closer to one. When you get disconnected from fasting too, you will find it hard to conquer some sins, why, you have been disconnected from the source which will aid these things. After Samson's hair was shaved off, Delilah began to afflict him, we know that to afflict means to cause pain on someone, when you get disconnected from the source which is Christ, Satan starts afflicting you, if you are experiencing affliction Everytime in your marriage, check your source if you are not disconnected, if you are experiencing failures all the time, check your source if you have not been disconnected in any way, if you are experiencing bad and worse things all the time, check your source, no man's live having been disconnected from the source remains the same without being afflicted by the devil.

So, Delilah who caused someone's power to be taken was still the one afflicting him, this is why we must be careful of those we move with, those we tell the secret of our marriage, those we tell our secrets, be careful of people, they can be a stumbling block to you at the end. After she began to afflict him, his strength left him, we are to know that all these started when he went in to the harlot, he didn't backslide a day, it was a gradual process, all these continued when he slept a dangerous sleep, many have been sleeping all these while in the sense that they have been ignorant of the truth, they hear the truth but they are ignoring it waiting for personal conviction even when the conviction they need is in their bibles, they seek that Jesus appears to them face to face, I shake my head in pity, some sleep every night without even waking up at night to pray even for minutes and the devil uses the night to take away an important thing from their life little by little. After Samson's strength left him, see what happened

Judges 16:20 KJV: 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.** He woke up and said he would go out as at before, that was when he wasn't disconnected from the source, that he would go out and shake himself, he counted destroying the philistines as shaking himself because it was very easy for him but what followed? he did not know that the Lord hath departed from Him, my brethren, never get disconnected from the source, it's dangerous, it makes the Spirit of God to depart from one, if you know that you have been disconnected from Jesus the source and from the things of the Spirit, plead with Him to get connected to your Source back and start engaging in Spiritual activities now, may

the Lord not depart from us in Jesus name. Amen

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