

Is your hair being cut?

We all know the story of Samson and Delilah, and how she tricked him and cut his hair, but I want to focus, but one specific part of this story is laid on my heart at the moment.

Delilah lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down, and his strength left him. (Judges 16:19)

In the Greek "she began to bring him down" is phrased as "he began to grow weak".

Samson had 7 braids of hair, 7 represents the 7th day when God rested. It points to us resting from our own efforts for we are resting in God's promise and strength. Samson knew the physical strength was always there – not because of what he did, but because of God's hand on him – he did not wonder nor doubt about it.

As Delilah was having a man cut off the locks, Samson's strength left him, he began to grow weak.

Why is this important?

As sin's seduction (sin, compromise, doubt, hatred, bitterness, un-forgiveness, self-effort, self-centeredness etc.) lulls us into a false sense of resting, a false sense of being whole (while we are actually out of God's rest by our own allowance of the sin) the sin opens the door for other things to come in, things that will "cut our hair", that will sap our strength and make us weak to attacks. This is the enemy's ultimate plan, and the purpose? To get us to blame God and turn our backs on Him.

But... What if we woke up while our hair is being cut, what if the enemy has only cut one or two locks when we wake up, while we are busy **growing** weak?

We will not be as strong, but we will not be powerless, for we will be able to repent and come back to a place of truly resting in God, a place of fullness, and we would break free from the enemy's grip and break the chains he is trying to bind us with.

And what if we realize it too late? And all our hair is cut?

Thanks be to God, who in His mercy allows His strength to come pick us up even when we are totally flat on the ground, with no more strength or peace. Look at this amazing verse just a bit further...

But before long, his hair began to grow back. (Judges 16:22)

Pause and meditate on this a moment (Selah), his hair began to grow back. Even in our deepest darkest hour, even when we feel totally lost and broken, even when the enemy has stepped on us and made us feel defeated, God will make our hair grow back.

God will make us start trusting in Him again, until we come to the place where we have 7 braids again, and we can totally destroy the enemy and the strongholds he has made in our lives, a truly great victory – not in our power but understanding that God will not let us go, but restore us and bring us to a place of total victory.

So he killed more people when he died than he had during his entire lifetime.
(Judges 16:30)

Isn't God's love amazing, no matter how far we could fall, He will always pick us up again, restore us into His rest, and bring us victory over the enemy.

For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again. (Proverbs 24:16)

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Choose to start believing that God loves you, no matter what mistakes you have made, and wants to restore you into His perfect rest, that you might walk in victory in Christ.

Love in Christ

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