

lies in obedience to God and maintained separation unto Him,

There are a lot of people who have vowed to give God ten per cent of their income. Somewhere along the way they

forget about it and they appear in a cent. But never mind you, God is still at work in this world.

*But know that the compromise of spiritual ideas is continued, did all of us go on toward nothing!!*

it is not long before the world is in a position to shear us of our lots of spiritual strength.

We lose power with God and with men like Samson. We

may be possessed of extraordinary gifts--gifts from God--only to be deceived because of some fatal flaw.

Second, he lost his sight. When one gets away from God

he loses his sight. Poor, blind Samson! Blind! This,

because he could not now see how to carry on the Christian

war. People say, "Well, you know, I don't see things quite

the way I used to." Of course not. The Philistines have

put out your eyes. One cannot spend time associating with

the Philistines, feasting with them, playing with them in

riddles without being taken captive.

You may not see things like you used to see them, but

I'll say one thing--we do not see the power of God in your

life as we once saw it either.

*from people who are just in the third place, there was spiritual bondage. He never got any more of it. It was just a matter of time before it would be all over.*

out the honey.

Then Samson indulged himself in feasting with the Philistines, falling to maintain the vow of abstinence. Now

both his hands and his lips were defiled before the Lord.

What a pity! Here is a man striving to serve God, but no

longer was there discipline, no longer was there a man

directed by God's power.

There was only one symbol that remained and that was the

long hair. This was the symbol everyone could see and as far

as anyone knew, Samson was still obedient to his vow, but

the inner symbols were gone.

Is this not the case in every church in the land? Are

there not multitudes of Christians who maintain every outward

symbol of consecration and give testimony to their separation,

yet, before the Lord every inner symbol of separation unto

Him is gone? Beyond the visible evidence of being Christians

there is no separation but only defeat and compromise.

Did Samson defy God to the last? Did he not sense how

close to ruin he was? Did he not hasten to repent and return

to his vow before it was too late as if it were already too

late? God did not deter him. God knew there could be no

repentance and return apart from severe judgement and chastisement.

*He never got any more of it. It was just a matter of time before it would be all over.*