

One Final Visitation

Scripture: Judges 16:28
Revelation 3:17

Judges 16:28 NIV Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "O Sovereign LORD, remember me. O God, **please strengthen me just once more**, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."

Revelation 3:17 KJV Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, **and have need of nothing**; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Introduction

Since the Protestant Reformation begun by Martin Luther, within the first ten years of a new century, a mighty revival has broken out. The 20th century saw the Welsh revival followed closely by the Pentecostal revival that began on Azuza Street in Los Angeles and in Topeka, Kansas.

The world is ripe for another great visitation from God.

I. Samson's play with compromise

Judges 14:3 KJV Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

- A. Flirtations with evil
- B. The Delilah syndrome
- C. Compromising his consecration

Judges 16:17 KJV That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

- 1. Presumed all would be the same
- 2. Did not realize God had left him

Judges 16:20 NIV Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." **But he did not know that the LORD had left him.**

II. Signals of compromise

Judges 2:10 KJV And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and **there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD**, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

- A. Within the church
 - 1. A professional clergy
 - a. Internet sermons
 - b. "How to" seminars
 - 2. Emphasis on fleshly methods
 - 2 Timothy 4:5 KJV** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
 - 3. Unwillingness to seek God for direction
 - 4. Doing "church as usual"
- B. In personal lives
 - 1. Preoccupation with the material

III. Receiving a visitation from Him

2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

- A. Within the church
- B. In personal lives