

Judges 16:28 (NKJV):

“Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, ‘O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!’”

Samson’s final prayer was not about regaining his hair it was about avenging the loss of his eyes. This is significant. His request reveals that vision not strength was his greatest loss. Strength can be regained, as seen in this story, but when vision is taken away, a person loses direction, clarity, and purpose. That is why Satan didn’t simply want to weaken Samson he wanted to blind him.

If Samson had to choose between his strength and his sight, he would have chosen to keep his eyes. And that choice reflects something deeply spiritual: vision precedes power. You can be strong, but if you have no spiritual vision, you’ll misuse your strength or serve the wrong purpose.

The Strategy of the Enemy: Weakening Vision by First Attacking Strength

Satan's strategy with Samson is one he still uses today. He first weakens your spiritual strength your prayer life, your worship, your study of the Word and once you're spiritually weak, he aims to blind your spiritual eyes. Why? Because without spiritual vision: You can't discern truth from deception You lose awareness of God's direction You no longer see the enemy's traps

This is exactly what happened to Samson. Once blind, he was made to grind grain in the prison the same strength that once defeated armies was now being used for slavery.

Spiritual Blindness in the New Testament

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NKJV):

"Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."

Paul writes that Satan blinds the minds of unbelievers, preventing them from seeing the light of the gospel. But the principle applies even among believers when they drift from God they begin to lose their spiritual sensitivity and vision.

Greater Grace in the New Covenant

Here's the good news: while Samson's strength was restored, his sight never returned. But under the New Covenant through Christ, God doesn't just renew your strength He also restores your spiritual vision.

Ephesians 1:18 (NKJV):

"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints."

Paul prays that the eyes of our hearts would be enlightened because to walk in God's purpose, we need clarity of vision, not just spiritual gifts or strength.

Signs of Spiritual Blindness and Weakness

Ask yourself: Has your prayer life grown cold? Do you find it hard to fast or seek God intentionally? Have you lost the passion to serve God?

These are not just signs of fatigue they can be symptoms of spiritual blindness. When you stop seeing what God is doing or stop feeling His leading, the enemy may have begun to dim your spiritual vision.

A Call to Humility and Renewal

But just as Samson humbled himself before God, so can we. And unlike Samson, we are under a covenant of grace and restoration. If we sincerely seek God, He will not only return our strength He will restore our sight.

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This is the prayer of total surrender. Samson knew he couldn't fix himself. His restoration required divine intervention and so does ours.

Pray and Fast if You Can

If you are in a place where your vision or strength is gone, take time to pray sincerely. If possible, fast. In Scripture, fasting was often a sign of repentance, humility, and deeper pursuit of God's voice. (See Joel 2:12, Matthew 6:16-18.)

God is not just able to restore what was lost. He can give you greater vision than before, a renewed sense of purpose, and the strength to walk it out.

May the Lord bless you.

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