

# The Liberating Secret Newsletter

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.....called to bring:

**“The Whole Gospel to the Whole man to the whole World.”**

(All of Christ, in and manifesting as, all of us)

(The bowing of the branches symbolizes the precious people at the May meeting bowing before our Lord!)



**Look** at the ice on the trees, does this look like the patio where we have our May Conference? I hope that it is much warmer than this! However, It is March, not May so don't be put off from coming.

I must confess, I have never wanted to entice you to come to the May conference by dropping Nashville names before now, but this time I couldn't help it. [Ron Block](#), [Sierra Hull](#), [The Forbes Family](#), and [Julie Lee](#) are all coming to our conference. Click on these different links and learn something about all these great Christian performers. They will all be at our May meeting, some of them are staying the whole time, and others are staying only until Saturday morning. OK, this is what happened, Ron, Sierra, and the Forbes family have a date somewhere else close to Louisville, so Ron ask me if they could practice together at our house. Of course, I said, "YES." What an opportunity for us, and what an opportunity for them too. I think that it will be unforgettable for all included.

I always say that if you come under the anointing of our May Conference that you will never be the same again. The Spirit moves in his quiet but mighty ways to

unify, enlighten, encourage, clarify, heal, and bless. And you will also have the opportunity to minister to others as the Spirit leads. Come Join us for a fabulous time at our [God-Unlimited Enrichment Week-end](#) May 15-18.

**News Flash:** Christ, Our Life Ministers: Scott and Sylvia Pearce, Dave Moss, Margaret Lester, and Jenny Fienning representing The Liberating Secret radio program are going to Nashville, Tn. to one of the world's broadcast ministry's largest events, the (NRB) National Religious Broadcaster tradeshow. The dates are March 8-11. What an opportunity to meet other broadcasters, and also the station managers.

While we are in Nashville Mike and Meredith Bub have asked us to do a meeting at their house on Tuesday night March 11. Call Meredith, or e-mail her for more info. [mrsbub\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsbub_2000@yahoo.com) Also, check out her [Myspace link](#), you will find those wonderful hand-painted crosses that you might want.

Dad and Dave are busy with their heads together trying to figure out where to put the tent this year seeing we now have a gazebo that could pose a problem. For more room, I think that they are going to build a stage behind the tent where the fountain now stands. That would make the podium to be over the existing fountain—Hey, maybe a metaphoric prophecy is in the makings. Anyway, you can see we are already excited, I hope that you will RSVP me soon [sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org](mailto:sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org) . Also make your reservations with Norma Mouser: [norma@travelloptions.net](mailto:norma@travelloptions.net) .

Also, check out our new web-site: [www.spiritbroadcasting.net](http://www.spiritbroadcasting.net). It has totally been refurbished, and it is so much easier to get around. I have most of the Liberating Secret radio programs, all the conferences, Bible Studies that Brian and I did, and Norman's stuff on the [radio archives](#), and lots to see in the [TV archives](#). I have some new video's of [Dan Stone](#) that will soon be on, provided by our friends in Wilmington, NC, Marion Dixon. Also, we have a Fort Washington, Pa. video of Norman yet to go on, check it all out.

Make your arrangements now for [Pawley Island, SC Women's Retreat](#) April 4-11. E-mail [jennyfianning@hotmail.com](mailto:jennyfianning@hotmail.com) for all the information.

Dad and I will soon be on our way to Hilton Head Island for a delayed trip down south where we try to escape the winter's cold weather. Then we will be headed in our RV to Alachua, Fl. for Steve Pettit's conference held on Feb. 29-March 2. I hope that some of you can come. E-mail Steve at [ellais@alltel.net](mailto:ellais@alltel.net) for more info.

Here is an **opportunity** to buy Rickie and Sharon Skaggs new album, "[Salt and Light](#)" at a reasonable price. Check out their web-site:

**Here are the new AM radio stations as well as the other ones we are on:**

Programs Five Days a week

WYRM-1100 AM—Norfolk, Va. 8:00 AM

WNQM-1300-AM Nashville, Tn. at 2:30 PM

WLMR-1450 AM—Chattanooga, Tn. 7:30-8:00 AM

KXKS-1190 AM—Albuquerque, N.M.—3:00-3:30 PM

WIJD-1270AM—Mobile, Al.—12:00-12:30 PM

WNYV-1070-AM—Pensacola, Fl.—12:30-1:00 PM

WITK-1550 AM—Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pa.—4:00-4:30 PM

WSKY—1230 AM—Asheville, NC—6:00-6:30 PM

WFAM—1050 AM—Augusta, Ga. -5:50-6:00 PM

Short Wave—WWRB 5:30 Central Time

BTW-21 TV Martinsville, Va.-Fri and Sun.

Public Access 98 TV Louisville, Ky. at 9:00 PM- Sun. Only

If anyone has friends or family in any of these areas, please contact them with the station information.

Now, that is not all, The Liberating Secret radio program is going to be on **Short Wave** all over the world. **We just signed the contract**, so we are all over the world on Short Wave for at least a year. Praise the Lord! The Whole World, here we come!

Please send me the news in your area to be posted in this Newsletter. [sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org](mailto:sylviap@theliberatingsecret.org)

**WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB-SITE: Whoever has not sent me**

**their page, please do so.**

The Lord is always pressing us to advance our ministry. We are considering a new section on our site that offers ministry to the body of Christ. I have asked several to have their own page, offering themselves as counselors, prayer warriors, mentors, Spiritual advisors; etc. They will have their e-mail links, and any other links that they might have available. Already, I have gotten a response from 5, with 5 more to go. That will do for now, but we could rotate ministers maybe in a year. **Several of you have responded to this request, one friend in England is already on the job composing her site-letter. As soon as our English link gets her page done, we will begin adding whoever else wants to be involved in World Ministry.**

**I'm still looking for others, any takers?**

**Brian Coatney and I started a new TV/radio series on [I Corinthians](#) its great, here is the link.**

## Quotes

"Only the true self seeks God CASYOU; the false self isn't the least bit interested."

"Finding God means being found by Him. Yes; knowing God is finding yourself. And to find one's self is to finally comprehend the love of God. "He first loved us."

"Finding one's self is seeing why it's better to give than receive; still, receiving is paramount to giving."

"What delicious circles the truth travels in, don't you think?"

CASME"

These are quotes from Jaque from Vision writers—contact her at : [jaque@visionwriters.com](mailto:jaque@visionwriters.com)

**For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. Phil 1:21 (KJV)**

CASYOU is "Christ as you" the one receiving the message.

CASME is me, the one sending the message.

The message, either way, is Christ

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"Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as seen."

"Faith builds Heaven in the midst of Hell's despair!"

"Fear is faith in reverse, and faith once aroused to believe the worst can be reversed to believe the opposite."

The human mind despises mystery, yet we are surrounded by it naturally as well as spiritually. The mystery of the Christ, the divine one, joining Himself to our frail humanity stuns our reasoning mind,

yet faith looks beyond what seems unreasonable and declares it to be fact.

"Faith is saying yes, when everything else is saying no. Faith is believing all things are possible in the midst of impossibilities. Faith sees the presence of light in darkness, and the presence of God in all.

Faith gives inner substance to thing hoped for, and faith gives inner evidence to things not seen. Faith can truly move mountains, and it does." Sylvia Pearce

...thoughts and souls laid bare at the feet of the One who can turn all tomorrows into spring...

If God's gifts are our blessings, and the devil's assaults are also our blessings, what remains to harm or depress us? If good is good, and evil is equally good to the enlightened, then a realm of life is entered where we rejoice always, in everything give thanks, and in all things are more than conquerors. Norman Grubb

'With all sorts of doubts I am familiar, and the result of them is, has been, and will be, a widening of my heart and soul and mind to greater glories of the truth ... .. I cannot say I never doubt, nor until I hold the very heart of good as my very own in Him, can I wish not to doubt. *For doubt is the hammer that breaks the windows clouded with human fancies, and lets in the pure light.*'

George MacDonald

## Art

You have got to check out this 12 year old girl, she is so amazing.

<http://tinyurl.com/yxewot>

## Letters

Dear Sylvia,

Thought I'd share a few thoughts that I had on the issue of subjectivity and objectivity.

It is only by revelation that one hears, and until that occurs, there is always going to be the arguments of an objective system of understanding. The moment of Now is engaged only in subjectivity, only in our inner moment (both momentary and perpetual) of choice. Jesus consistently engaged people in a way as to challenge their objective historical systematic orientation to reality, and in so doing, He catalyzed an acute inner moment of choice: Do you believe?

"Nobody caused this guy to be blind; the meaning of his life, and therefore his identity, is not poor wretch that needs a medical fix, it is vessel of God's glory." In that moment, the entire system of understanding that held this man in darkness was invaded by a word from an utterly different reality, a proposition that implied so much more than having his vision fixed, a word that was set apart from every other word. This word somehow suggested to him a total

transformation of reality.

At that moment, I can't help but believe that the spirit of the air threw up arguments from the objective systems of thought: "How can that be? What about..." And in a flash, the man's whole history and understanding of himself, reality and God were united in opposition to the word that had just been offered. No attempt to counter the objections, regardless of how clever, could defeat their undeniable legitimacy. And so the man stood in an eternal moment between the word, which he somehow sensed offered Life, though it offered no basis to support its legitimacy, and the claims of his whole known reality saying to him that if he rejected them and chose to believe this absurdity, he would not even be left with whatever integrity he now had.

In this desperate moment, he "said" to the "What about..."s demanding objective compliance, "I don't know. I have no answers." And, turning the eyes of his heart to Jesus, he said, "I just believe."

No sooner was that choice in utter subjectivity made than he began to know the legitimacy of the word.

Jesus engaged him with a proposition about reality that was put forth in the form of objective thought. But to abide in and engage it from that orientation leaves the hearer in an undisturbed state of death. Perhaps things must be said in a way that somehow posits a right system of understanding, even though it is only in the subjectivity that supersedes (not necessarily denies) objective thinking that the faith is engaged. And only then does the daystar rise.

So, is subjectivity really the only truth for a person? Is objectivity somehow error?

Subjectivity or Objectivity?

It is both. It is true that when a person makes an essential choice of faith, that is subjectivity. And it is true that the arguments of objective reasoning will typically challenge a person in that moment of choice. But to say or imply that the faith and the life is subjective, and to understand that in contrast to objective thought, implying objective thought to be wrong, is to say that our reality is whatever we make it to be through our own choice of what we will believe. But unless that truly is open-ended, that is, unless there are no limits at all as to what reality one can believe oneself into, then there is something objective going on.

If we think that the gospel is reality for a person depending on whether or not they believe, *if that is our emphasis*, then we imply that the real issue is the person's choice to believe or not. If, however, our focus is the (objective) reality of the kingdom, with the choice of whether or not to believe being implicit in the hearer, then we keep the focus on God. That is the only way to present the truth, because otherwise, we make the human the one responsible for their salvation, sanctification, etc. (i.e. flesh). So the presentation of the truth is done by stating/portraying the objective reality of Christ crucified, of the kingdom of God at hand, now.

Of course, there is the necessity of laying hold of the truth by faith in order to “know God and Jesus Christ”, but no one can say exactly where the division is between the human responsibility and God’s grace at work in them bringing them to believe. So, while acknowledging the evangelist’s dependency on the immediate and perpetual inspiration by the Holy Spirit (Who may, at any point, focus on the necessity to believe), it seems good in me to perceive the very right place of focusing on and stating the objective reality of God, the promise of God, Christ our life, here and now. Again, whether in one’s own thinking or in speaking the truth to another, the emphasis is not on our believing, but on the glory of the Lord!

Love,  
Barry Burton [highbluff1@charter.net](mailto:highbluff1@charter.net)



2-7-07

Dear James,

Great to get your letter, though I see you suffer from amnesia since you don’t mention the guy’s name who had the booklet. But that’s okay, at age 57, I forget a lot of things too.

I’m glad to send any pamphlets or books to the facility there, but I want to ensure that I don’t get them rejected and sent back. Greg Gonzales got permission from his chaplain, and I sent the book to his chaplain, who passed it on to Greg. Sometimes a chaplain is not in a position to do other than put materials in the library. In any event, if you tell me a way that will work, I’ll send some things.

I agree with you on the Bible—nothing like reading it. Other books give us great light, but something about the Scriptures breathes out to us their authority and foundation, so that anything that does not accord with them, that thing is off. I do find surprisingly that some things are grounded in Scripture when I formerly thought they were not. Of course that goes two ways: some, of a bent to be immoral, find justification in the Bible for anything they want to do. I find more importantly, though, that as I really have let go of the lie of independent self, that God’s light shines in a way I had not seen before, simply because I formerly read through self-centered eyes that lodged undisclosed strongholds of the enemy.

I don’t go enemy hunting however, or major on the enemy, for my love is Christ, and He keeps me. He keeps any that want Him too, and He does it easily without a fuss. Occasionally I feel so distraught and weighed down by various impulses and lusts, tempting me to think that surely, the pulls on the flesh must be worse than ever, and I then must be a wretched person indeed for starting to sink under them. Self pity begins to think, “Oh, I can find a place in him.” But then I realize that this is all the same old tiresome plot to try and lead me away from the simplicity of God’s keeping.

We are to expect constant temptations and trials; the Scriptures tell us that plainly, so the best thing to do is say, “Lord, this is what everyday is, and this is not a surprise; what’s more, You

have me perfectly kept; abiding is by the ease of faith. Anything else makes things harder than they really are. True, we suffer, but equally true, faith is easy; it is easy to walk in the Spirit; it's just excruciating at times. When we know soul and Spirit as not the same, we discern readily, even when in pain, and move on with little ado in our walk of faith.

I hope you can get to have the CD player. Also, we've had some good recent times of fellowship up at Sylvia's. The Internet ministry has taken off, from about 400 visitors a month last year, to already 4000 a month now, largely because of Sylvia putting video and audio on the web site. Quietly, the seeds get blown to the winds, and a rich harvest almost invisible is underway. We believe for an explosion, which likely means as well, desperation for more in their awakening to want what the Bible really says about Christ living in us.

All for now, I'm elated to hear from you, and you were a rock in that 05, year long study we had, along with David and Lorenzo. You all were the pillars indeed of our jail church.

Brian

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Dear Sylvia:

I have been a Christian for many years but am now learning the 'Truth' for the first time in my life. Some time ago I asked God to show me what it means in the working out in my life to be 'dead to sin and alive in Christ'.....He has led me to your ministry. I first heard you on the radio and went to your website.

I am new at this but am so hopeful that the Spirit IS showing me what I 'already have.' Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am overwhelmed with hope of living a new life.

May God richly bless you for following His heart and spirit in your ministry!

In Him,

S. H.

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Hello Sylvia,

Just to let you know who I am, I met you in Greensboro, and I am the person Richard Manus told you about who would say, I am excited. You gave me a copy of your book, that you signed for me and I promised you I would send you a copy of my book which I am enclosing in attachments. I just wanted to say thank you for the wonderful book which God has written through the Christ in you. It seems God is always putting books in my hands just when I am most ready to receive them and I know that is the case with this book. Much of it is

confirmation which is great and it is also making me more aware of things which I had not really thought about before. I think the 16th chapter is great especially these lines; God means evil because He means mans freedom. He knew the freedom was going to be misused. He also means the negative consequences of that misuse. In God's wisdom He then conveniently uses these negative consequences to instill self knowledge. With this self-knowledge we can hopefully see what causes death and what we really don't want.

I keep telling our body that I was set free when once I realized, no matter how strong my will was to follow God, I was helpless, hopeless, and totally incapable of getting rid of the sin in my life. As soon as I confessed this to God, it was like He showed up and cleaned me up. I think He knew then that He had my will and it was in line with his will. I realize in a powerful way we all have to come to the end of ourselves where we give up, and that is exactly what God wants, because then we will not judge anyone. I could go on and on but just let me say I am excited and I hope you will be blessed as you read my book.

May you continue to grow and abound in the grace and love of our Lord Jesus with every passing day.

He is risen, in us, Jerry



## Evangelism

There is a great price to pay in the work of soul winning. It is very clear that our responsibility is to evangelize people for Christ. Lost sinners must be brought to the place of repentance towards God and faith in Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:14-18) (Acts 2:37-38). To achieve this goal for every convert, we must have the concern of a father (1 Cor. 4:15), the travail of a mother (Gal 4:19), the sacrifice of a lover (2 Cor. 12:15), the gentleness of a nurse. (1 Thes. 2:7-9), the endurance of a soldiers (2 Tim 2:3,4) and Jealousy of a friend (2 Corith1 1:2).

## Missionaries

Check out [Charlee and Scott Pullon](#), our missionaries in Central America. Here is their report.

Also check out [Candy Reiger](#)'s video, she is our missionary in Haiti. Also, here is a motor bike accident report of a minister working with Candy. Please pray!

Hi all,

Our brother Hyacinthe is holding steady. The infection is not yet obliterated, but he's making progress. I observed one cleaning procedure and was jolted seeing not only the raw mess his knee is in, but watching them pack the knee with white table sugar before wrapping it. I was quick to "Google" on returning home, and apparently this is not a bad thing! I want to be concerned that so much time has passed and the bones are still not set, but I'm trusting God will overrule any poor decisions. Meanwhile, I see God using this pain and total dependence to soften Hyacinthe's heart as well as his wife's. This is not a religious happening, but a faith

event.

I believe surgeries will begin this week. Please pray for the doctor (Robeson Sarita, a young Dominican), healing obviously, but also for all that God is doing *behind the scenes* to have great success in saving and transforming many lives.

Thank you to so many of you who have written and are believing for God's highest and best in this. I will update as there's more to report.

Grace, and more grace :)

Candy

## Poem of the Month

### God Just Grew 10 Feet Taller

God just grew 10 feet taller.  
I mean He's bigger than He ever was;  
or did I grow smaller,  
or am I just the same,  
but see differently?  
God just grew 10 feet taller.  
He's getting bigger all the time.  
I knew He was an omni  
in all the major categories,  
but somehow when He gets bigger,  
it takes me by surprise  
each time.

BC/9-15-03

Discovery

We pass through a raving wilderness.  
No man can stop needles of accusation,  
privation of members,  
craft of serpents,  
want—dire need,  
politics,  
unholy fire of the burnt eye,  
flying rocks of treacherous thoughts:  
no man can stop them.

One man did stop them.

His rock rests in the middle of nowhere,  
everywhere,  
filled with a holy city  
tucked under unbreakable stone,  
except by the crystal rod  
of the right word.

Any passing that way  
can turn geologist,  
read the rocks,  
enter divine preoccupation  
with solid, liquid,  
or light-carved palace,  
in the middle of transitory times.

BC/2-27-08

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### Other Poetry by Brian Coatney

If you want to read great poetry, check out this link below. It has 17 new poems inspired by the Holy Spirit and overflowing with Brian's own creative style.

[17 Poems by Brian Coatney](#)

## Prayer Request

**Paul E. Billheimer** said in his book **"Destined for the Throne,"** "A program of prayer without faith is powerless. The missing element that is necessary to energize prevailing prayer that binds and cast out Satan is triumphant faith. And the missing element that is necessary to energize triumphant faith is praise—perpetual, purposeful, aggressive praise. Praise is the highest form of prayer because it combines petition with faith. Praise is the spark plug of faith. It is the one thing needed to get faith airborne, enabling it to soar above the deadly miasma of doubt. Praise is the detergent which purifies faith and purges doubt from the heart. The secret of answered prayer is faith without doubt (Mark 11:23). And the secret o faith without doubt is praise, triumphant praise, continuous praise, praise that is a way of life. This is the solution to the problem of a living faith and successful prayer.

The secret of success in overcoming Satan and qualifying for the throne is a massive program of effective prayer. The secret of effective prayer is a massive program of praise."

All prayer request sent to the Liberating Secret web-site will be send to Art and Fran Giles, our newly appointed Christ, Our Life Ministries intercessors. E-mail them at:

[deepwaters@roadrunner.com](mailto:deepwaters@roadrunner.com)

## Words of Faith

**Mark 11:22-24**

Need produces desire; desire produces faith; faith quenches the pain of desire, and leaps and "laughs at the impossible and shouts, IT SHALL BE DONE." Sylvia Pearce...actually a little of Sylvia and a lot of CT Studd

## This Month's Article:

### A Few Thoughts on Samson

by Brian L. Coatney

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If we look for insights about Samson, we easily find a plethora of commentary on how he broke his vows by eating honey from a lion carcass and insisted on unsuitable women unwisely to his own destruction. I'm here to incite you concerning the awe of the messiah and the wisdom that flows from him when Samson, the devastated warrior, experiences the new birth and commences a life of faith and intercession, so that a blind man's inner eyes of faith bring down a fortress of enemy warlords and inscribe Samson's name among faith's immortals in Hebrews 11.

But first, think of the miraculous annunciation to Manoah's wife about the upcoming birth of a son to her hitherto barren womb, and let's name some of the other great barren women that God used to populate his miraculous household: Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Hannah, and Elizabeth—not a bad cast of godly women! This shows that even the godliest woman cannot conceive and give birth to the promised seed; the human womb, fallen and dead, cannot procreate the new, supernatural race—the new creation. No, for that, a divine womb must operate to bring about the new birth that makes us into new creations.

Manoah and his wife get the opportunity to experience this. From the Judges account, we see that the angel of the Lord comes with miracles and promises, but Manoah, governed by fear, thinks that he and Ms. Manoah are doomed to die since they have seen the Lord. Ms. Manoah, livelier in faith, tells him that God wouldn't have bothered with the annunciation and miracles if He intended to kill them. She picks up immediately that the story is about deliverance, not extinction; and so her faith flies into operation since she already knows what she can't do, and

now she is ready to enjoy what God is doing.

Samson's supernatural birth included the Nazarite vow, which meant no grapes, no corpses, and no haircuts. Grapes were a basic source of sugar, and therefore pleasure. To forgo them indicated suffering: for example, Jesus told his disciples at the Last Supper that he wouldn't drink of the grape with them again until the new kingdom, turning their eyes and ours to eternal life.

Next, the concept of not touching a corpse leads us to consider a new dimension of life where we never touch death again: the sting of death gets removed, and as Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15, the death gets its sting from sin, and sin from law.<sup>1</sup> In order to move into a dimension of no more corpses, God must give us a solution not based on law keeping as a means of attaining holiness.

Last, the injunction against haircuts brings us to consider Paul's statement that a woman's glory is her long hair. Odd as it may seem, the Nazarite vow about hair looks back to the time before the schism of the sexes in Paradise, and forward to the reuniting of the sexes in favorable union through Christ's atonement and the wisdom of the Cross that truly makes male and female one body as first created.

So all three Nazarite injunctions take a view of life that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God."<sup>2</sup> These vows envision a life not procreated by a natural womb or sustained by the natural efforts of man. Only in the dimension of the Spirit can we enter into the life pointed to in the Samson story.

Let's be real then about Samson: God knew that Samson couldn't and wouldn't keep those vows; God knew that He created us as vessels, temples, and branches of Himself and not as self operating selves that can do what is right. Once again, we enjoy the wisdom of the New Testament to interpret with, and so Paul tells us that no one is ever made righteous by law keeping. To the contrary, only faith justifies us—faith in Christ.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, even though Samson enjoyed a supernatural birth, he could never live higher than his faith apprehension of that birth. As long as he considered himself a product of flesh, he would continue to break his vows and remain in the seduction of the world's wisdom.

Samson is the story of us all if we have ears to hear it: we start out as law breakers who try to become righteousness though keeping vows and laws, only to find that we lack the ability, and fall plunge ever deeper into ruin. With Samson, he experienced anointing regularly to do astonishing feats, but he still had flesh mixed up with Spirit a lot of the time, and eventually his life collapsed in a web of intrigue where he depended on his own wisdom instead of the wisdom from above. Instead of moving increasingly into Spirit, he meddled and toyed with the wisdom of the world, against which we're always overmatched.

This means that we need to recognize our God meant powerlessness, for understanding powerlessness provides the key to our strength: God's strength is made perfect in our weakness.<sup>4</sup> At creation God made Adam weak, and God intended Adam to glory in that weakness. Weakness doesn't imply sin but rather our state of eternal dependency. In every human life holiness comes from God Himself in us, expressing Himself in our human forms.

Samson had to learn this painfully, as we all do if we desire to learn it. Down he went, and we can say, "Samson should have done this," or "Samson shouldn't have done that," but such analysis only keeps our focus on Samson and not the one who birthed Samson supernaturally as a figure of the new birth in Christ.

What—Christ in the book of Judges? You bet, for we see a vineyard, a dead lion, and the honey that Samson scraped out of the lion's carcass. Before Samson discovered Christ, he reveled in the natural world that God made subject to him by the power of the Spirit through the Nazarite calling. Samson didn't see himself as a new creation being, living totally in the stream of the Spirit, but as Samson the natural man, endowed with supernatural gifting. This difference proves critical.

For one thing, the natural view leaves a person mired up with a view of the self as still the same but needing boosts of power added to our moral resolve and performance. This is not a new creation but the old creation supposedly improved and empowered. In contrast, the supernatural view reveals to us our death, followed by resurrection as a completely new creature. Old things are passed away!<sup>5</sup> This comes about once again by three things we've already seen in Samson's encounters: a vineyard, a dead body, and honey. This time, however, they are the heavenly realities and not natural phenomena.

First, the vineyard is the true vineyard, meaning the blood of Christ—a vineyard never off limits, even to a Nazarite. Second, the lion carcass is not now an earthly lion but the heavenly lion of Judah, Christ Himself, whose death made us dead to sin.<sup>6</sup> Instead of an anointed Samson killing a lion on earth, a heavenly lion is killed to do away with our body of sin. Last, the sweet honey of wisdom comes to us out of the wisdom of the Cross, a wisdom that the natural mind cannot understand.

So we see the blood of Christ, the body of Christ, and the mind of Christ. When Samson hit bottom, he was ready for these and saw that life is not about the natural man or the carnal man—but about the spiritual man, born from a heavenly womb and feeding on the blood, body, and mind of Christ. The blood of Christ becomes his forgiveness and the blood of the new creation man, the body of Christ becomes the body that he is now joined to, and the honey is the sweetness of God's heavenly wisdom in the Cross that operates in us by faith.

Samson's constant dabbling and flirting with things on a mere physical and psychological level had been Satan's deception, keeping him from seeing his birthright as announced by the angel of the Lord, much as with the carnal Christian who doesn't know life in the Spirit yet but mostly still the ways of the flesh. Samson, though, let his failures press him into moving from life in the flesh into life in the Spirit.

Once there, the heavenly man, despised and broken looking on a natural level, turned into the intercessor who surprised the enemy with a wisdom not of this world, for Samson's body indeed also became a laid down life, the sacrifice of a body taken over by Christ and the wisdom of the Cross.

Welcome indeed to the heavenly man.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 15:56

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<sup>3</sup> Gal. 3:11-12

<sup>4</sup> 2 Cor. 12: 9-10

<sup>5</sup> 2 Cor. 5:17

<sup>6</sup> Rom. 6