



"Keeping God's Covenant"

"The strength was not in the hair...."

Judges 13:3-5 - *And the Angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. Now, therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drinks, and not to eat anything unclean. For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. **And no razor shall come upon his head**, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines."*

Introduction

Samson could not cut his hair - meaning Rev. 1 (v. 14) is suggestive of the holiness and wisdom of "the Ancient of Days". **Revelation 1:14 NIV**
[14] The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.

There was nothing special about Samson's hair rather than obeying God's word.

Samson was not allowed to touch a dead body - as a chosen one - do not touch their unclean stuff

2 Corinthians 6:17 - Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you.

Samson was not allowed to drink anything containing alcohol

1 Peter 5:8 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

We have the power and the strength to accomplish greater and mighty things in our lives when:

- We know God - Proverbs 8: 17
- We remain in God - John 15:7 "If you remain in me....."
- We Trust God - 2 Samuel 7: 28 "Your covenant is trustworthy"
- We rely on God - 1 Peter 4:11- "Do all with God-given strength"
- We live for God - 1 Corinthians 10:31 - "Do all in God's glory"
- We obey His Word - 1 Samuel 15:22 "Obedience is better than sacrifice"
- We reach out to the lost - Mark 16:15-16 "Go into all the world and proclaim..."

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 NKJV

[8] Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. [9] And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.