

## **EPISODE NO. 111**

### **Judg. 16:4-15**

#### **Samson and Delilah**

4 After this, Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. She lived in the Valley of Sorek. 5 The lords of the Philistines went to Delilah and said to her, “Try to find out what makes Samson so strong. Try to trick him into telling you. How could we capture him and tie him up? Then we will be able to control him. If you do this, then each one of us will surely pay you 28 pounds of silver!”

6 So, Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me why you are so strong. How can someone tie you up and take control of you?”

7 And Samson answered her, “If they tied me up using seven new bowstrings, which have not been dried, then I would be as weak as any other man!”

8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought seven new bow-strings to Delilah. They had not been dried. And, she used them to tie up Samson. 9 Some Philistine men were hiding in an interior room. Delilah said to Samson, “Samson, the Philistines are about to capture you!” But Samson easily broke the bow-strings. They broke like pieces of string burned in a fire. So, the Philistines did NOT find out the secret of Samson’s strength.

10 Then Delilah said to Samson, “Look, you have made a fool out of me. You lied to me. Now, please tell me, what could be used to bind you?”

11 Samson said to her, “To bind me, they would have to use new ropes that have never been used for work. Then I would become as weak as any other man!”

12 So, Delilah got some new ropes and tied up Samson with them. Some Philistine men were hiding in a room inside. Then Delilah called out to him, “Samson, the Philistines are about to capture you!” But Samson broke the ropes from his arms as if they were threads.

13 Then Delilah said to Samson, “Until now, you have been making a fool out of me. You have lied to me. Tell me what to use to bind you!”

Samson said to her, "Use the loom. Weave the seven braids of my head into the cloth. Tighten it with a pin. Then I would become as weak as any other man."

14 Then Samson went to sleep. So, Delilah wove the seven braids of his head into the cloth. Then she fastened this with a pin.

Again, she called out to him, "Samson, the Philistines are about to capture you!" Samson woke up and ripped away the pin and the loom with the cloth.

15 Then Delilah said to Samson, "How can you say, 'I love you' when you won't confide in me!? This is the third time that you have made a fool out of me. You have NOT told me the secret of your great strength!"