

# Delilah

Delilah played a minor role in Samson's life, but her effect was devastating, for she influenced him to betray his special calling from God.

**Motivated by greed [Judges 16:5] Delilah used her persistence to wear down Samson, [Judges 16:6-18].**

Samson's infatuation with Delilah made him a vulnerable target, for all his physical strength he was no match for her feminine influence, and Samson paid a great price for giving in to her.

Delilah is never mentioned again in God's Word, the Christian Bible.

**What can we learn from this brief account of part of Delilah's life?**

**Persistence when faced with obstacles eventually pays off, for good or bad.**

**Avoid valuing money over relationships.**

**Never betray those who trust you.**

**Delilah's relationship with Samson shows us that we need to be very careful where we allow any sensual feelings lead us.**

**Also to be careful to only place our trust in people who have proved that they can be trusted.**

Delilah was a deceitful woman with honey on her lips and poison in her heart.

Cold and calculating, she toyed with Samson, pretending to love him while seeking only personal gain.

**Proverbs 5:1-13** [New King James] *“My son, pay attention to my wisdom; lend your ear to my understanding, that you may preserve discretion, and your lips may keep knowledge. For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death, her steps lay hold of hell. Lest you ponder her path of life, her ways are unstable; you do not know them. Therefore hear me now, my children, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. Remove your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, lest you give your honour to others, and your years to the cruel one; lest aliens be filled with your wealth, and your labours go to the house of a foreigner; and you mourn at last, when your flesh and your body are consumed, and say: ‘How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised correction! I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me!’”*

**A very clear warning from God's Word, the Christian Bible, and the Godly Wisdom that is available to guide us into making right decisions in life.**