

No SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY FOR THE USE OF HANDKERCHIEFS
 In an attempt to heal the sick A. 1941-11-12
 These miracles were not intended to be repeated, they were not the kind of things that were to happen every day.
 We are not saying that people are not healed today, God does heal--

(WE ARE NOT UNMINDFUL OF JAMES 5:14-16)

1. Sick man is to call the elders of the church.. No elder is commissioned to gather the sick.
2. Main thing is prayer in the name of the Lord.. It is the prayer of Faith.
3. Man was not sick because of his sin.. But he may be in need of forgiveness.

4. Oil-common in the east-hot dry winds and scorching sun-a common remedy for a no. of diseases.
 Departed from Samson--Had reference to his service for God.... Powerless in God's service

II. WHAT CAUSED THE LOSS OF POWER ?

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2. WITH WRONG CROWD---

While HE WAS ASLEEP

SPIRITUAL LOSS

Intro: Samson had a checkered career---

Think what a man he might have been!
 Who wree his companions in the dungeeon?

His remorseful thoughts He saw that he had ruined himself---like Lord Byron: My days are in the yellow leaf,
 The flowers & fruits of love are gone
 The worm, the canker & the grief are mine alone."

He saw his ruinous folly---betrayed his holy trust, & now living a life of shame and defeat.

He might have done something great for God

Not only relieved of his power---Reached a place where God had no use for him in service...

A block of wood on the ocean--- Payl--Lest that by any means when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway"-----Sad thing, cause even angles to weep.

There are people here today who would like to be free from things that have mastered them and made them slaves. a guilty conscience is gnawing at their souls---robbed of peace and peace.

COULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT.. had he sought advice from God--or had he followed the advice of his mother & father. But you never read of him doing this.

He met a Lion-and tore his jaws apart--- He slew thou sands with a sun whited bone---

He pulled the gates of Gaza up--- He broke new ropes like pieces of grass---

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