

Samson's Admonitory Fall

by Clement of Rome

The sermon warns against the dangers of being led astray by a married woman and emphasizes the importance of self-control and separation from temptation.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:12

Topics: "Temptation And Sin", "Spiritual Weakness"

Description

Clement of Rome preaches about the story of Samson, a Nazarite consecrated to God with great strength, who fell into ruin due to his weakness for a woman. He challenges the listeners to reflect on their own weaknesses and the importance of knowing their limits. Clement emphasizes the danger of temptation, especially involving relationships with married or consecrated individuals, urging caution and avoidance of situations that could lead to sin.

Transcript

Have you not heard concerning Samson the Nazarite, with whom was the Spirit of God, the man of great strength? This man, who was a Nazarite, and consecrated to God, and who was gifted with strength and might, a woman brought to ruin with her wretched body, and with her vile passion. Are you, perchance, such a man as he?

Know yourself, and know the measure of your strength. The married woman catches precious souls. Therefore, we do not allow any man whatsoever to sit with a married woman; much less to live in the same house with a maiden who has taken the vow, or to sleep where she sleeps, or to be constantly with her. For this is to be hated and abominated by those who fear God.

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