

Solomon & Delilah

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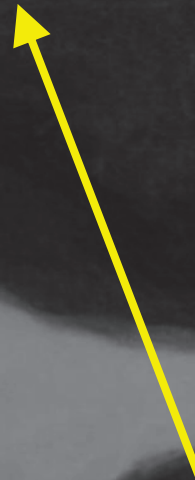
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Eye



Nose



Lips

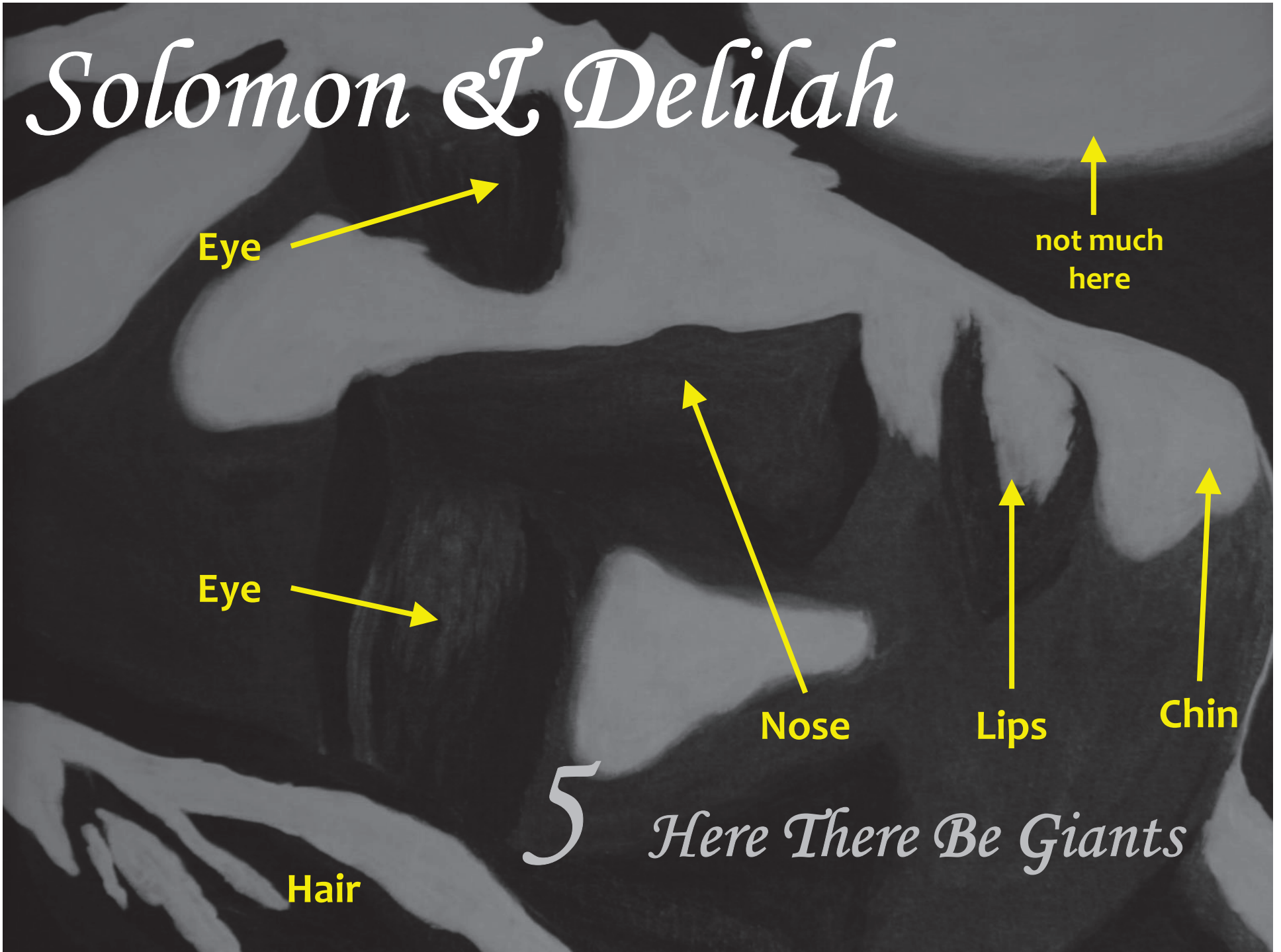


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5 Here There Be Giants

Hair



The Little Sister

*“We have a little sister,
and her breasts are not yet grown.
What shall we do for our sister
on the day she is spoken for?
If she is a wall, we will build towers
of silver on her.
If she is a door, we will enclose her
with panels of cedar.” 8:8-9*

*Bride: “I am a wall,
and my breasts are like towers.”
8:10*

*“my dove, my perfect one, is unique,
the only daughter of her mother” 6:9*

**The Bride does not have a younger sister
The ‘little sister’ *is* the Bride – it’s the brothers’ view**

A Wall or a Door?

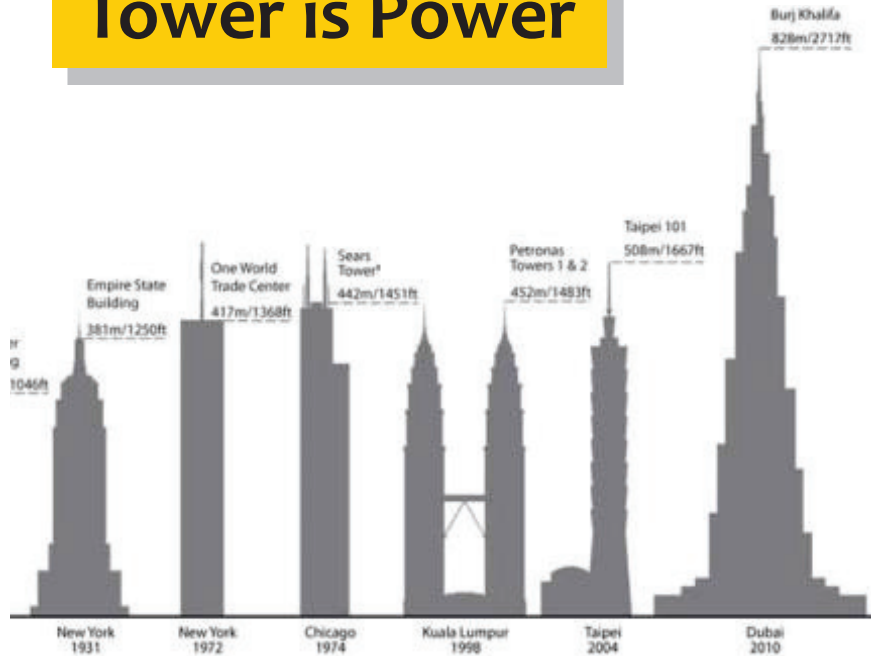
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we will build towers of silver on her.
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**A Wall keeps things out
A Door lets thing in**

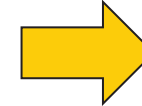
**Bride: “I am a wall,
and my breasts are like towers.” 8:10**

**The Bride has prevailed over the King of Jerusalem:
he has forsaken his God; he follows her now**

Tower is Power



Babel: *“Come, let us build... a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves.”* **Gen 11:4**



Bride: *“I have prevailed, and my sexuality is my power.”*

Bride: *“I am a wall, and my breasts are like towers.”*
8:10



Dwelling in Gardens

8:8-14

**Victory via her
sexuality**

**Solomon falls
to sensuality**

**Solicits counsel
from sensuality**

**Leads him away
to pleasures**

**Brothers: *"We have a little sister...
If she is a wall we will build towers..."***

**Bride: *"I am a wall,
and my breasts are like towers"***

***"Solomon had a vineyard in Baal Hamon;
My own vineyard is mine to give;
the thousand are for you, Solomon"***

**Solomon: *"You who dwell in the gardens
...let me hear your voice!"***

**Bride: *"Come away, my beloved...
on the spice-laden mountains."***

A photograph of a person in a green t-shirt holding hands with another person in a lush green forest. The person in the green shirt is seen from the back, and their hand is reaching out to hold the hand of another person whose face is partially visible in the foreground. The background is a dense forest with several waterfalls cascading down. The image is overlaid with several text boxes.

The Final Scene

*“I will go to
the mountain
of myrrh” 4:6*

*“Come [flee] away, my
lover, and be like a
gazelle or like a young
stag on the spice-laden
mountains.” 8:14*

*“I have gathered
my myrrh with
my spice.” 5:1*

**The Bride lures the King
away from Jerusalem**

Song of Songs ends in tragedy

...but Solomon's story is not finished

Natural before Spiritual

Solomon
son of David
throne of
Jerusalem




Jesus
Son of David
Throne of
Jerusalem

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Cor 15:22

What Comes Next

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14. Psalms [תהלים]
15. Job [איוב]
16. Proverbs [משלי]
17. Ruth [רות]
18. Song of Songs [השירים]
19. Ecclesiastes [קהלת]
20. Lamentations [איכה]
21. Esther [אסתר]

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia, Ed. K Elliger et al, 1966

Enter The Preacher

*“The words of the Teacher, [Heb: Koheleth]
son of David, king in Jerusalem” Ecc 1:1*

Some debate the identity of the Preacher, but it is Solomon

“I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.” Ecc 1:12

**No other son of David ruled Israel from Jerusalem
– the others ruled only Judah**


An older man with regrets

*“Meaningless! Meaningless!”
says the Teacher. “Utterly
meaningless! Everything is
meaningless.” Ecc 1:2*

**I suggest this is Solomon, returning at
last from the “mountains of myrrh”**



Solomon's Revelation



*“Look,” says the Teacher,
“this is what I have
discovered: adding one
thing to another to discover
the scheme of things- while
I was still searching but not
finding- I found one upright
man among a thousand, but
not one upright woman
among them all.”*

Ecc 7:27-28

Misogyny?

**Solomon chose 1 000 women - which nearly killed him
=> His comment is self-indictment!
=> Beginnings of recovery!**



**Solomon was specially blessed by
God, yet squandered that blessing**

Haven't we heard that story before?

Samson: The Physical Giant

*He grew and the LORD blessed him, and the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him
Judg 13:24-25 also 14:6; 15:14-15*

God gave Samson unique physical strength



The Giant Fell



he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. Judg 16:4

God Redeemed the Fallen

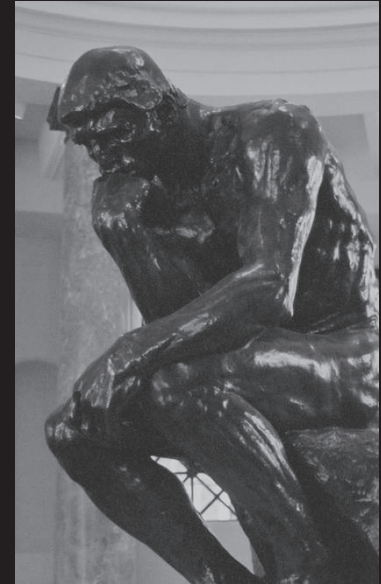
Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes... But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved. Judg 16:21-22



Solomon: The Intellectual Giant

“I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.” 1 Kgs 3:12

God gave Solomon unique intellectual strength



The Giant Fell

“I have come into my garden... I have gathered my myrrh with my spice” 5:1

God Redeemed the Fallen

And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge
Ecc 12:9



*Samson went down to Timnah together with his father and mother. As they approached
????? Timnah, suddenly a young lion came roaring toward him. Judg 14:5*

**The lion came out of the vineyard
⇒ Danger for Samson came from nubile women
The lion came only for him: it was *his* danger**

The Big Picture

Samson

God creates Supremacy
The **Physical** Giant
Judg 14:6,19; 15:14...

Sexual distractions
precipitate collapse
Judg 14:2; 16:1,4...

God finds Redemption
for the fallen Giant
Judg 16:22

Solomon

God creates Supremacy
The **Intellectual** Giant
1 Kgs 3:12

Sexual distractions
precipitate collapse
Song of Songs

God finds Redemption
for the fallen Giant
Ecc 7:28; 12:13-14

Neither Physical nor Intellectual Supremacy lead to Salvation

Giants

Physical

Samson

Intellectual

Solomon

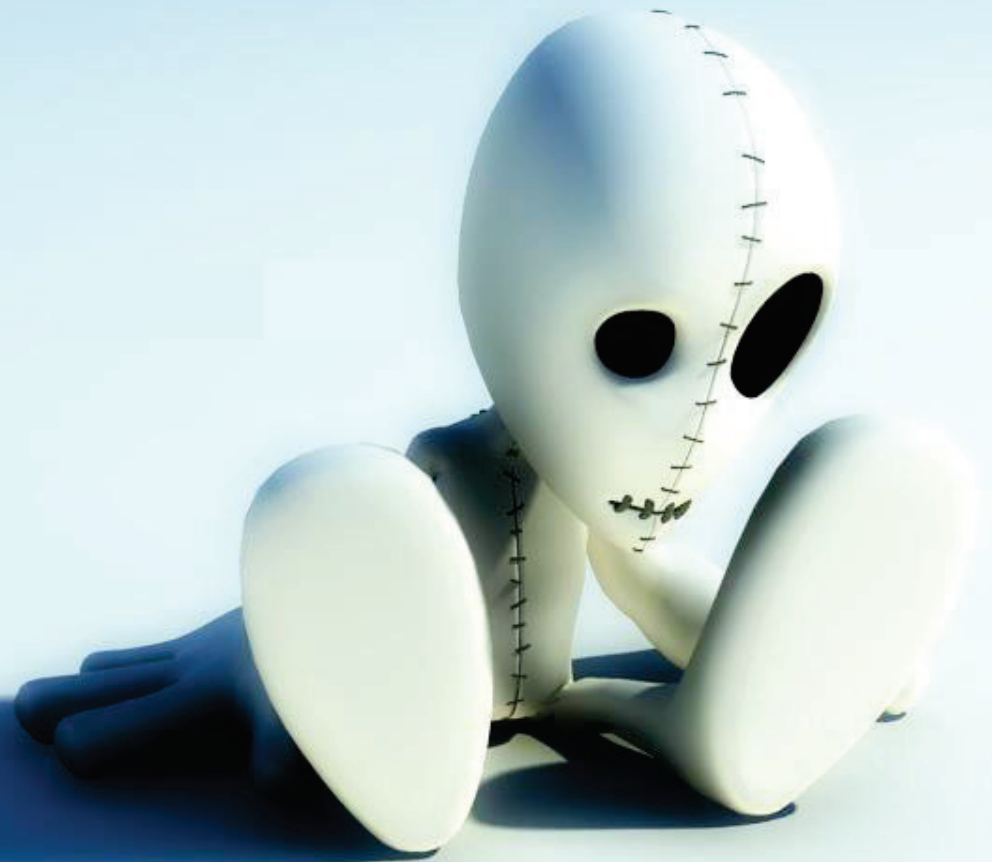
*Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength. Jer 9:23*

Spiritual

Jesus

Samson: The only judge never to form an army – he fought alone
Solomon: Partnered 1 000 women – essentially leaving himself alone

A Giant's Loneliness



Jesus: The Most Alone

He said to them, “Do you still not understand?” **Mk 8:21**

Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. **Mk 14:39-40**

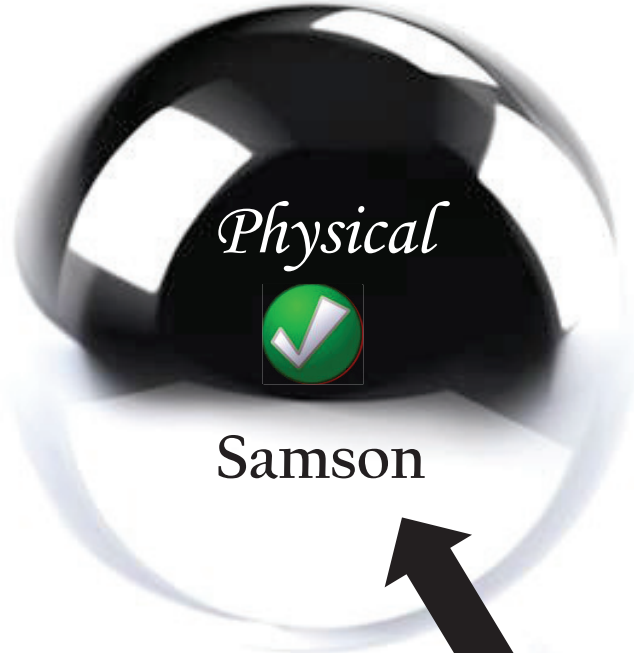
Yet refused to give up on those who were nothing like as good

Do we stand by our fellow-soldiers? Or walk away disillusioned? Jesus stood by the apostles; do we have any right to walk away?



Isa 40:31

Prov 1:7



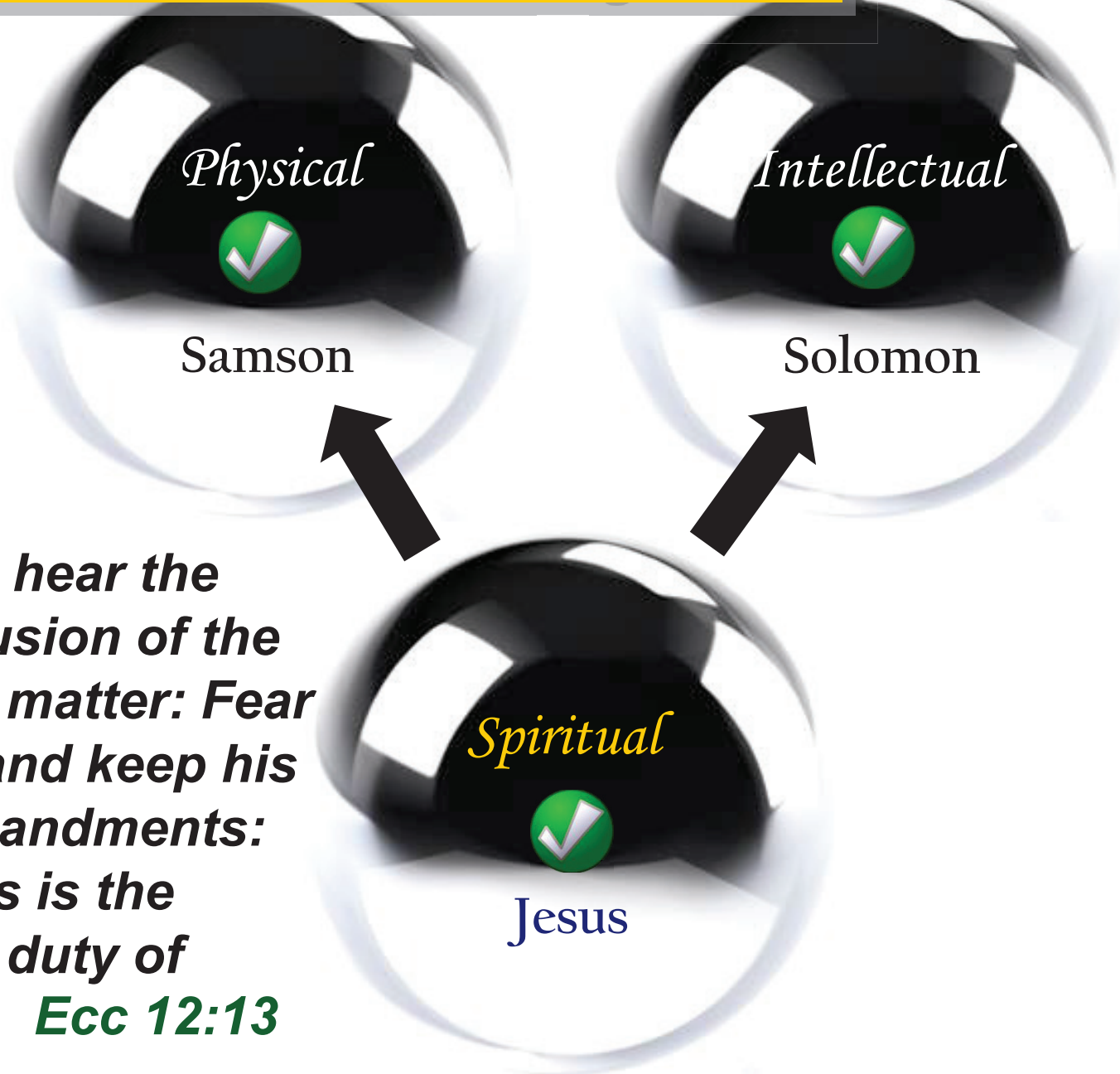
**Life of Christ:
A life of denial?**



**Transformed
Mindset**



Solomon Rediscovered the Right Path



Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. *Ecc 12:13*

**The Spiritual Giant
Redemption for All**



Solomon ends in Christ's victory

as can we all