

"The King Who Had It All"

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (November 10, 2013)

Introduction: As we transition out of I & II Samuel, we begin to consider the kings in **The Story**. God called Abraham to become the father of the nation of Israel. The mission of Israel was to point other nations, all peoples, to God. God wants all people to come back to him. God gave Israel a land and God allowed them to have kings. The first king was Saul who failed to represent God. Then, God chose David as king who represented God well, even though he sinned grievously. He repented and captured the heart of a gracious God who is available to everyone. In **I Kings 1** David is old and passes the leadership baton to Solomon. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. Solomon Seeks Wisdom From God

- A. The ignorance of a lad (**I Kings 3:1-4, Numbers 33:52**).
- B. The invitation of a lifetime (**I Kings 3:5, II Chronicles 1:3**).
- C. The integrity of a leader (**I Kings 3:6-15, I Kings 14:21**).
- D. The investigation of a lawyer (**I Kings 3:16-28, II Samuel 14:4-8**).

II. Solomon Writes Wisdom For Godly Living

- A. Solomon wrote Song of Songs (Shir ha-Shirim)
- B. Solomon wrote Proverbs (Mishlei).
- C. Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes (Kohelet).

III. Solomon Wisely Builds a Temple for God

- A. Solomon builds a beautiful temple (**I Kings 6-8, II Chronicles 2-7**).
- B. God blesses and warns Solomon (**I Kings 9, Deuteronomy 28:15-68**).
- C. The Queen of Sheba blesses Solomon (**I Kings 10:1-13, II Chronicles 9:1-12**).
- D. The world blesses Solomon (**I Kings 10:14-29, Matthew 6:29**).

IV. Solomon Neglects God & Godly Living

- A. Solomon's heart was filled with ignorance (**I Kings 11:1-3, Deuteronomy 17:14-20**).
- B. Solomon's heart was filled with idolatry (**I Kings 11:4-8, Judges 2:11-15**).
- C. Solomon's heart was divided (**I Kings 11:9-13, Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:13**).
- D. Solomon's kingdom was divided (**Matthew 12:25, Mark 3:24**).

Conclusion: The fall of Solomon is a "slow fade." These things happen slowly. This story ought to humble us and cause us to be alert. If the wisest man failed, then what does that say about us? As a Christian, our primary goal is to live in such a way that we point others to Christ. That is our mission. And, if that is our primary mission then how we live everyday matters. It matters to God and it should matter to us. Because we will influence others and our behavior can start a pattern in our lives and those who surround us. Stay out of lukewarm waters and consider those that surround you. You still have time to finish strong! Let God lead you home!