

# I Kings 11 –4 August 2022

## “King Solomon...Servant To Lust”

### Introduction

- \*I & II Kings demonstrate that a king’s allegiance to God’s Law is the key to success & protection
- \*The 1<sup>st</sup> half of I Kings depicts the reign of Solomon
- \*The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of I Kings begins the divided kingdom
  - \*Chap 1-2-purging of the sinful men
  - \*Chap 3-4-desire for wisdom, struggles w/ purity
  - \*Chap 5-8-building temple & prayer of dedication
  - \*Chap 9-10-God responded asking for faithfulness
- \*We’ve seen glimpses of Solomon’s idolatry, trusting in women, gold & horses of war – now it all comes to a head
- \*We have 3 enemies while on earth
  - \*Everyone will teach against the devil
  - \*Many teach against this anti-christ world system
  - \*But who will teach against our own rotten flesh?
- \*Even then, sins of the flesh are further divided up in I John 2:16 as lust of flesh, lust of eyes & pride of life
- \*Today let’s look at 3 principles of lust**

# **1<sup>st</sup> principle of lust is that it leads you down a slippery slope (Chap 11:1-13)**

Read Chap 11:1

1. Strange like a stranger, not Israelite but foreigner
2. Marriage had become a political effort instead of a loving relationship
  - a. Same thing can happen to our relationship w/ God if we're not careful

Read Vs 2-3

1. With all his wisdom, Solomon still connected his heart to what God said not to
2. Heart is more important than the brain
  - a. Read Jer 17:9
  - b. Read Prov 4:23
3. Don't allow heart to make a convert of mind
  - a. Read Jam 1:14 – tempted when drawn by flesh
  - b. The smartest person in the world still has to come to the cross & crucify their own flesh

## Read 4-6

1. Your closest relationships will steer your heart toward OR away from God
2. What about these specific lusts / false gods?
  - a. Ashtoreth was the false goddess of love & fertility and was known as the queen of heaven
  - b. Molech was the false god of sacrifice in which they would kill their babies by ‘passing them thru the fire to Molech’
  - c. What a combination!
    - i. Live for sex on one hand (Ashtoreth)
    - ii. Then dispose of the baby afterward (Molech)
3. David wasn’t perfect, but he had a heart that always came back to God at the end of the day

## Read Vs 7-8

1. He now actively participates in pagan worship
  - a. He probably said, ‘oh they’re not for me, they’re for my wives’
2. Chemosh was the chief Moabite false god

Read Vs 9-10

1. Solomon disobeyed not only general revelation but also specific revelation to avoid idolatry
2. We think that if we just had a great spiritual experience THEN we'd stop sinning, wrong
  - a. Not by might or power but by My Spirit

Read Vs 11-13

1. So the punishment for idolatry would be that 10/12 of the kingdom would be given to another
2. God can exalt servants & abase the kings

**2<sup>nd</sup> principle of lust is that it removes us from the place of blessing & protection (Chap 11:14-28)**

Read Chap 11:14-22

1. Hadad been “waiting in the wings” always angry & returned home with a son at David’s death
2. Read II Thess 2:7 – God restrains sin as people are obedience to His Holy Spirit within

## Read Vs 23-25

1. Rezon from Zobah has been quietly, angrily waiting as well near Damascus Syria
2. Hadad mad from the SE, now Rezon from NE

## Read Vs 26-28

1. And now an adversary from within even from Ephraim
2. Having someone rebel from within– interesting
  - a. This would give Solomon the experience of what it's like for God to experience Solomon's rebellion
  - b. He would ask of Jeroboam...
    - i. How could he be this discontent?
    - ii. How could he betray me like this?
    - iii. What more could I have done for him?

## **3<sup>rd</sup> principle of lust is that serving it is to reject serving the Lord (Chap 11:29-43)**

Read Chap 11:29-32

1. The prophet is sent to Jeroboam to proclaim his kingship to come
2. This wasn't about choosing Jeroboam so much as it was about rejecting Solomon
3. God will grace whom He will grace
  - a. It's up to us to take advantage of it

Read Vs 33-35

1. Read Jer 2:11-13 – Two evils, forsaken God and turned to false gods that are no good
2. He probably thought he was just adding honor to these false gods, but it was robbing from God
  - a. Read Luke 16:13 – It's about the direction of the steps of your life

Read Vs 36

1. Notice God's grace to David even well after David has left the earth

## Read Vs 37-39

1. Jeroboam now has a great chance to serve the Lord is godliness & honor, but he'll fail miserably

## Read Vs 40

1. Why would Solomon seek to kill him if it was the Lord that gave this prophecy?
2. Shows that Solomon is living in the lusts of the flesh at this point
3. At 1<sup>st</sup> you just think you're adding other habits or pleasures in life
  - a. Then you find yourself at odds with people that are actually trying to obey God

## Read Vs 41-43

1. The typical conclusion to a king in Israel
2. This close skips the coming back to God that Solomon experiences as recorded in Eccl
3. 'Acts of Solomon' would add color but isn't needed for life and godliness (II Pet 1:3)

## Conclusion

He had great relationships, but what about his devotion to God

He had lots of money, but what about his love for God

He had lots of wisdom, but what about his passion for God

Regardless of the status factors in your life, there still remains a question, ‘will you be stuck to Jesus?’

Lust for anything else will...

1. **Lead you down a slippery slope**
  - a. Rom 6:11 – consider yourself dead
2. **Remove from us God’s blessing & protection**
  - a. More than all else, we need God’s favor
3. **Not just attract you, but also pull you away from God**
  - a. As the bride of Christ, think of how it drags our espoused groom into sin when we sin

As Jesus challenged Peter in John 21 – “Peter, do you love Me? Feed My sheep”