

Family Worship Guide: Lesson 19

Solomon

Main Idea

David's son Solomon succeeds him as king of Israel. King Solomon does good during his reign, including asking God for wisdom and building the temple. He also commits serious sins, including idolatry, that lead toward the division of the kingdom.

Scripture Readings

- ✠ 1 Kings 3:7–12 – Solomon asks God for wisdom
- ✠ 1 Kings 8:22–24 – God keeps His promises to David
- ✠ 1 Kings 11:9–11 – Solomon turns from the Lord

Lesson Review

- Q What did Solomon ask God for when he became king?
 - A *Solomon asked God for wisdom so that he could rule God's people rightly.*
- Q How did God respond to Solomon's request for wisdom?
 - A *God was pleased and gave Solomon wisdom, along with riches and honor.*
- Q What did Solomon say about God's promises at the temple dedication?
 - A *Solomon said that God kept every promise He made to David.*
- Q What sin did Solomon commit later in his life?
 - A *Solomon turned away from the Lord and worshiped other gods.*
- Q How does Solomon's life help us see our need for Jesus?

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- A** *Solomon was wise but sinful, showing that God's people need a perfect King—Jesus Christ—who never turns away from the Lord.*

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Q What is justification?

- A** *Justification is an act of God's free grace wherein He pardoneth all our sins (Rom 3:24-25; 4:6-8) and accepteth us as righteous in His sight (2Co 5:19, 21), only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us (Rom 5:17-19) and received by faith alone (Gal 2:16; Phi 3:9).*

Q What is adoption?

- A** *Adoption is an act of God's free grace (1Jo 3:1), whereby we are received into the number and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God (Joh 1:12; Rom 8:14-17).*

Family Devotion Questions

Q How did Solomon sin against God?

- A** *Solomon disobeyed God by loving many foreign wives and worshiping their false gods.*

Q How did God keep His promise of an eternal king?

- A** *God first kept His promise through Solomon, who ruled as king after David. But Solomon was not a forever king, so God fully kept His promise by sending Jesus, the Son of David, who reigns forever.*

Q How can you gain wisdom?

- A** *We gain wisdom by fearing the Lord, listening to His Word, and asking Him for help.*



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Q How are we tempted to put other “gods” before the Lord?

A *We are tempted when we love things like money, pleasure, success, or people more than we love and obey God.*

Prayer

Father in heaven, thank You for keeping Your promises and for giving Solomon wisdom. We confess that even the wisest people still sin and need Your mercy. Guard our hearts from loving anything more than You. Help us to worship You alone and to trust Jesus Christ, the perfect King, who reigns forever. Amen.