



Solomon's Legacy:
Lessons Learned from a Foolish King
(1 Kgs 11:14f; cf. 2 Tim 2:19-21)
Study Notes Handout: Week Ten

The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel... Then the Lord raised up against Solomon an adversary... I will humble David's descendants because of this, but not forever.
1 Kings 11:9, 14, 39

In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.
2 Timothy 2:20 - 21

There is a great lesson for us in all of this. It is not enough to be able to distinguish right from wrong, not enough to know how to provide leadership (the two things Solomon asked God for). It is not enough to be wise. We need to have the courage, determination, and tenacity to act according to the wisdom God gives us. In short, honour the Lord; endure in prayer; and remain in a vital, close, and loving relationship with our Father.
Mel and Susan Finlay, (Founders of 'Nation at Prayer')

Introduction:

As we conclude our study of Solomon's life we will examine some of the lessons we have learned about ourselves and about our God.

1. **Note to Self:** Lessons from Solomon that I should reflect on and apply.

2. **Prayer to God:** Lessons about God that I should reflect on and pray about.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

When you read the wisdom literature that Solomon wrote, how does it align with the testimony of his life? (See Prov. 2:1 - 6; 3:5 - 6; 5:1 - 23; Eccl. 12:13 - 14). What do we learn about knowledge and wisdom from Solomon? Is there a need to distinguish between Solomon's wisdom and that which is spoken of in the NT? (See James 1:5 - 8; 3:13 - 18).



Personal Study Notes

Focus: 1 Kings 11:14-42

Solomon's Decline

Adversaries of Solomon (11:14-25)

Jeroboam Rebels Against Solomon (11:26-40)

Death of Solomon (11:41-42)

Personal Prayer Points from this Passage:

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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