

More Lessons: Dangers of an Unguarded Heart (1 Kings 11:1-13)

Notes: Week Nine

Our Sermon Series has divided 1 Kings 11 into two messages.

Adult Lesson maker has one set of questions for Chapter 11 Therefore, there are no additional questions for Week 10

Solomon's Wives - 1 Kings 11:1-43

Topics: <u>Age, Anger, Appearance, Attitude, Children, Covenant, Death, Devotion, Enemies, Evil, Gifts, Heart, History, Idolatry, Law, Marriage, Murder, Prophecy, Punishment, Rebellion, Rewards, Righteousness, Running, Sacrifice, Wives</u>

Open It

- 1. What experience do you have of yourself or someone close to you "getting in with the wrong crowd"?
- 2. *What are the potential problems of a marriage between two people of different faiths?

Explore It

- 3. *What was one of Solomon's primary downfalls and areas of disobedience against God? (11:1-2)
- 4. How many wives did Solomon marry? (11:3)
- 5. What happened to Solomon's devotion to God as he got older? (11:4)
- 6. *What gods did Solomon allow to be worshiped in Israel because of his foreign wives? (11:5-8)
- 7. *What reason did God have to be especially angry with Solomon? (11:9-10)
- 8. What word did God speak in judgment of Solomon? (11:11)
- 9. Why did God choose not to utterly destroy Solomon and remove the whole kingdom from him? (11:12-13)
- 10. What was the history of the first enemy God raised up against Solomon? (11:14-22)
- 11. To which of David's battles did Rezon's enmity hearken back? (11:23-25)

- 12. Which of the rebels against Solomon came from the ranks of his own officials? (11:26-28)
- 13. What prophecy did Ahijah reveal to Jeroboam when they were alone? (11:29-33)
- 14. What conditions would Jeroboam have to meet in order for God to be with him? (11:34-39)
- 15. How did Solomon respond to the presence of Jeroboam? (11:40)
- 16. How long did Solomon reign over the combined tribes? (11:42)

Get It

- 17. How did the condition of Solomon's heart differ from David's before him?
- 18. *Why is it not acceptable to follow God any less than completely?
- 19. In what countries did Solomon's enemies take refuge during his lifetime?
- 20. Why did the prophet Ahijah deliver his message to Jeroboam in such secrecy?
- 21. *Why isn't a word from God or a supernatural intervention by God any guarantee against our human tendency to sin?

Apply It

- 22. *What "loves" and influences should you examine to be sure that they are not drawing you away from devotion to God?
- 23. What can you do to cultivate a wholehearted commitment to God this coming week?