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## 1 Kings 11

*"All good things must come to an end!"*

The fall of Solomon and the Lord's response

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Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, <sup>2</sup> from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, "You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. <sup>3</sup> He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned his heart away. <sup>4</sup> For when Solomon was old his wives turned his heart away after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. <sup>5</sup> For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

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<sup>6</sup> So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and did not wholly follow the LORD, as David his father had done. <sup>7</sup> Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup> And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods.

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<sup>9</sup> And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice <sup>10</sup> and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he did not keep what the LORD commanded. <sup>11</sup> Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant. <sup>12</sup> Yet for the sake of David your father I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. <sup>13</sup> However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chosen."

(1 Kings 11:1-13)

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## Solomon's Fall

### 1. Solomon's Heart

- descent into idolatry: desire – disobedience – a divided heart
- led to detestable idolatry – transgression of the central obligation of the covenant
- contrast with David – a heart wholly devoted to the Lord

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## Solomon's Fall

"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall." (1 Cor. 10:12)

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## Solomon's Fall

➤ Lessons:

1. Watch over your heart all of your days
2. Trust God's word above your desires
3. Do not marry an unbeliever

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## Solomon's Fall

2. The Lord's Response

- He was angry – the Lord abhors idolatry
- He will tear the kingdom from Solomon's son
- He will not break His promise to David

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## Solomon's Fall

➤ *Longing for a better King!*

- The King (Jesus the Christ) without sin has secured the kingdom for us forever

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