

FINAL STUDY NOTES – 1 Kings Chapters 10-11! Idolatry & Disobedience 1/26-27/2026

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OPENING PRAYER

Idolatry & Disobedience - 1 KINGS – Chapter 10 – The Queen of Sheba’s Praise of Solomon – (vs. 1-13); Solomon’s Great Wealth – (vs. 14-29); Chapter 11 - Solomon’s Heart Turns from the LORD – (vs. 1-13); Adversaries of Solomon – (vs. 14-25); Jeroboam’s Rebellion – (vs. 26-40); Death of Solomon – (vs. 41-43)!

The Queen of Sheba

1Ki 10:1 Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions.

- **She heard that Solomon is so wise, he can just answer anything. So she came with these hard questions. Now Sheba, could be in Arabia, or there are those who say it was in Ethiopia, some say Yemen or Arabia. She did come from a long way. Jesus made mention of her long journey. “The queen of Sheba came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold a greater than Solomon, is here.**

1Ki 10:2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

- She is so impressed with what she has heard about Solomon that she is willing to get these camels, all these animals, and her servants together and make a 2,500 mile round-trip journey to talk to this guy. Pretty amazing. She was able to empty all of her heart, the things that she was troubled with, the things she had questions about.

1Ki 10:3 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain it to her.

- He was able to answer all of these questions.

1Ki 10:4-5 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, [5] the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

- When she had seen all of Solomon's wisdom, not just listening to him, but seeing how the whole empire in Jerusalem ran, seeing all the wisdom of Solomon. The food of his table each day, which was ten prime beef, twenty commercial beef, a hundred sheep, and all. The way the servants served and were attired.
- Remember Jesus talked about the lilies of the field? How they grow, yet Solomon in all of his glory was not dressed as beautiful as one of these, but no doubt a lot of fame about the glorious garments, and all that were worn. The way he came to the house of God, and the worship there. There was no more spirit in her! She was breathless, overwhelmed, just wiped out!

1Ki 10:6-7 Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. [7] However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard.

- Now, the fame, or what she heard, was probably the stories of the sailors going out and gathering all of the gold; telling of the glory and wisdom of Solomon. So the fame of Solomon spread. She was curious and came to see if this were all true. When she saw the whole thing, she said, "Wow! It is true, just the glory of Solomon's kingdom, only they did not tell the half of it!"

1Ki 10:8-9 Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom! [9] Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness.

- How happy are these that have the privilege of just being here, standing before you, and listening to your wisdom! Oh how blessed is God. He must love those people tremendously, making you the king over them!

1Ki 10:10 Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents (About four and half tons) of gold, spices in great quantity, and precious stones. There never again came such abundance of spices as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

- She gave Solomon these marvelous gifts. There was never a greater measure of spices that came into that part of the world than this greatest movement of spices from India or Arabia into Israel under the reign of Solomon. The part of the world never saw anything like it again.

1Ki 10:11-12 Also, the ships of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought great quantities of almug wood and precious stones from Ophir. [12] And the king made steps of the almug wood for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers. There never again came such almug wood, nor has the like been seen to this day.

- Almug wood. It was probably the strong, long-lasting sandalwood, which is black on the outside and ruby red inside, known for its texture, its grain, and the smell of the wood was pungent. It was very beautiful, valuable and scarce. Solomon used it as steps for the house of the LORD, the king's house, and the palace,

1Ki 10:13 Now King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all she desired, (Ethiopians say that included a child) whatever she asked, besides what Solomon had given her according to the royal generosity. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

- **Jesus made a beautiful application of this Scripture in talking** with the Jewish scribes and the Pharisees concerning their unbelief directed toward Him as the promised Messiah. He said, (*Mat 12:42*) *The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.* She traveled 1,200 miles in one direction; a great sacrifice to herself just to hear Solomon's wisdom.
- **Jesus is saying to these Jewish religious leaders,** You did not have to travel anywhere. I came all the way from heaven to you, to speak wisdom to you that is infinitely greater than Solomon's. And you will not show Me the respect that the Queen of Sheba showed Solomon, much less appreciate My wisdom and heed My word! One day they would be judged!

Solomon's Great Wealth

1Ki 10:14-15 *The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly (one of Solomon's sins – multiplying gold) was six hundred and sixty-six talents (about 25 tons; 666, coincidental?) of gold, [15] besides that from the traveling merchants, from the income of traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country.*

- Additionally, income came from dealings in trade with all of the kings of Arabia, the Gentile nations around him, and then from the governors of Israel, known as taxes. Solomon is putting a lot of this on the back of the people in taxes. There will be a tax revolt after his death, related to his son. So, this is an unbelievable amount of wealth flowing in to that government – multiplying gold!

1Ki 10:16 *And King Solomon made two hundred large shields of hammered gold; six hundred shekels of gold (same as David paid for the temple mount) went into each shield.*

- **Seven and a half pounds of gold went into each** of these large rectangular shields, carried by the infantry into battle. Of course, their shields were not made of gold. Gold is a soft metal, so it would not provide any protection. These were decorative shields.

1Ki 10:17 *He also made three hundred shields of hammered gold; three minas of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.*

- **Three and three quarter pounds of gold** that went into each of them. They were a small shield, probably a round one that was carried in those days by the archers or by a royal bodyguard. These shields were then mounted as a decorative decoration in the House of the forest of Lebanon.

1Ki 10:18-20 *Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. [19] The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round at the back; there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the armrests. [20] Twelve lions stood there, one on each side of the six steps; nothing like this had been made for any other kingdom.*

- This throne is something that is fabled. Some scholars believe that this throne is not a throne made of ivory, but one merely ornamented with ivory by laying the gold simply upon the wood, and inserting the ivory within the gold plate.
- **The ornateness of this ivory, gold covered throne, which Solomon made for himself, seems to indicate that Solomon's humility and perception is not that of his father David's. (2Sa 7:18b) "Who am I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? Is this not an application for looking at my pride and humility? A great God with a little king, or God with a great king?"**

1Ki 10:21 *All King Solomon's drinking vessels were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure gold. Not one was silver, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon.*

- Silver as accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon. (*1Ki 10:27*) *The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland.*

1Ki 10:22 *For the king had merchant ships at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the merchant ships came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and monkeys.*

- **We notice the luxury!** One sad thing about prosperity is that it often leads to that kind of luxury that is almost criminal. It is a sad thing, when people do not have anything better to spend their money on fancy birds or something, you know. When there are other people that are really hungry and suffering!

1Ki 10:23 So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

- **Notice here now, what is first.** It is riches! The wisdom became secondary. Now it was God who said, in the beginning that Solomon wanted wisdom above everything else. But we see the beginning of the turn in Solomon. Now, the riches became more important than the wisdom. The wisdom became secondary to the riches.

1Ki 10:24-25 Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. [25] Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

- This tells us that there are people coming from all over the known world to come and pose questions to him like the queen of Sheba did. This was a part of Solomon's weekly life, to have people coming to him in that same way to hear his wisdom. Think of what that would do to a person's ego.

1Ki 10:26 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen (another Solomon sin, multiplying horses); he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.

- Solomon then began to be interested in weaponry and military things.

1Ki 10:27 The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland.

- There was so much gold in Jerusalem that silver became as common as stones!

1Ki 10:28-29 Also Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the current price. [29] Now a chariot that was imported from Egypt cost six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse one hundred and fifty; and thus, through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

- So there is the going down to Egypt now, trading horses and all. In (*Deu 7:15a-17*) "When you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; [16] But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.'" [17] Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself. Remember this was written about five hundred and fifty years before the reign of Solomon.
- **Solomon failed. just the things that God said the king should not do**, are the things that he did! Horse trading in Egypt. Multiplying wives, having seven hundred wives, and three hundred concubines. Then he multiplied the gold and the silver. Exactly what God said not to do!
- **There is some strange perversity in the heart of man**, that somehow feels that you can get by, with disobedience. That somehow God's word does not apply to you, or to your situation. Solomon, with all of his wisdom, came to folly, because he thought that he could get by.
- **We find in the next chapter, the sad story of the result of Solomon** disobeying the commandment of God. Because just what God said that would do, did happen. This man who was so wise, that the whole world sought after his wisdom, committed great folly. It led him to an emptiness, and a life, by his own confession, was just empty and frustrating. It is tragic what Solomon did!

Solomon Turns from the Lord

1Ki 11:1-3 But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites— [2] from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. [3] And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.

- He added to them to himself, 300 concubines, and so for a grand total of a thousand wives and concubines. This is a willful, deliberate, grievous disobedience of God's word. Not one time, not two times, not five times, not ten times, but a thousand times. Obviously, the whole situation involves a

sexual element, but there is a whole big ego thing that is going on in his life at this point. He feels that he is gifted in a certain way. He knows what the Word of God says. He has been raised in the Word of God, and those are restrictions for regular kings. He must think that he is something special. Rather than spending his life, wonderfully and beautifully deep in a relationship with one woman, he chooses to have a very superficial and negligent relationship with a thousand women.

- **His heart was turned from God. Just exactly what God said would happen, did happen.** He turned his back on the commandments of God, and did exactly what God said a king should not do. That which God foresaw, did take place. Solomon's heart was turned away from the LORD!

1Ki 11:4 For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.

- **At first they come in with their gods,** Solomon is holding strong with the LORD. I know You are telling us kings, we are not supposed to marry these foreign wives because of the gods that they worship and everything. LORD, there is no way I am going to leave You. There is no way they are going to influence me and pull me away from You! Yet, over time they did the very thing. This is the power of a wife in a marriage related to the husband. It is a position of tremendous influence in a healthy relationship. So, the wives turned his heart after other gods.
- **No sadder picture can be imagined than the ugly apostasy** of his later years of his reign, which can be traced back to his sins with foreign wives.

1Ki 11:5-8 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. [6] Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as did his father David. [7] Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill (Mount of Olives) that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon. [8] And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

- **Solomon had all these wives from these other nations,** and they all maintained their own worship, of their false gods. Here it was brought right into Jerusalem. "A high place," right there before the temple! Tragic, tragic! This is the beginning of the end. So soon, the glory of the kingdom fades.
- **It is tragic that this seems to be the story of history.** That when times are tough, people call upon the LORD. They seek the LORD. God blesses them. God loves and blesses those who will turn their hearts towards Him, Because of His love, He pours out His blessings, but then tragically, so often when a person is blessed, they lose sight of God. Their material things begin to take a primary position in their life, crowding the LORD out of their lives. That commitment and devotion is no longer there. Soon, their hearts are turned after other things, and have grown cold towards the LORD.
- **So God takes away His hand of blessing.** He takes away His protection, and the people begin to go through great trials. The nation begins to experience real hardship. Then they cry unto the LORD, and they seek God, and there is a spiritual revival, and a spiritual renewal. As the people seek the LORD, and turn to God, God loves them, begins to bless them, and again they turn away from God. And it is over, and over, and over, a repeated story of history. It is a great danger. A very prevalent thing.
- **Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, He did not go fully after the LORD, as David did.** He built these high places, and his wives were offering their sacrifices unto their gods! We need to remember that we become like the god we worship!
- **The question to Solomon and to us is that when we sin like this is, considering all that the LORD has done for you, how could you do such a thing? Doing evil and not going fully after the LORD. Are either of these in my life?**

The LORD Raises Adversaries

1Ki 11:9-10 So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, [10] and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded.

- **Here is a man that had an actual visitation of God on two occasions of his life, and yet he turns away from God, even after He had given him a warning and commandment.**
- **(1Ki 9:6) But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, [7] then I**

will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

1Ki 11:11 *Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant.*

- **Solomon, this is it. You have crossed the line. You have gone too far.** I am going to tear the kingdom away from you. It is because of your disobedience. It is because of all of the things that you have done. I am going to tear it away. Israel's greatness was never supposed to be in her wealth. In her military strength, horses and chariots, in Solomon's grandeur.
- **Israel's strength was to be in her separation and in her obedience.** Her separation from all of the people of the world unto her God and her obedience to His law. Moses and Deuteronomy say, what other people is there on the earth that have such a God? that has given him such ordinances and statutes and laws such as these.
- **Here He says to Solomon, you turned away from all of that.** Israel was not supposed to be an example of the nations by people coming from all over listening to your wisdom, to see how wealthy you were and the grandeur of your throne and all that. It was supposed to be in separation and obedience. Solomon, you have clouded, you have marred the entire issue!

1Ki 11:12 *Nevertheless I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I will tear it out of the hand of your son. [13] However I will not tear away the whole kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of my servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."*

- **There will be a division of the kingdom.** "I will tear away the nation, the tribes from you. I will leave only one tribe, so there will be the southern kingdom with the two tribes, the northern kingdom, with the ten tribes.
- **(2Sa 7:12b-16)** *"I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. [13] He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. [14] I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. [15] But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. [16] And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."*

1Ki 11:14-19 *Now the LORD raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was a descendant of the king in Edom. [15] For it happened, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, after he had killed every male in Edom. [16] (because for six months Joab remained there with all Israel, until he had cut down every male in Edom), [17] that Hadad fled to go to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him. Hadad was still a little child. [18] Then they arose from Midian and came to Paran; and they took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, apportioned food for him, and gave him land. [19] And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, that is, the sister of Queen Tahpenes.*

- Solomon's wife's sister was given to this fellow Hadad, who had escaped out of Edom unto Egypt.

1Ki 11:20-22 *Then the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house. And Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh. [21] So when Hadad heard in Egypt that David rested with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me depart, that I may go to my own country." [22] Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that suddenly you seek to go to your own country?" So he answered, "Nothing, but do let me go anyway."*

- Man, you have got everything here. But Hadad had that desire to return back to Edom.

1Ki 11:23-25 *And God raised up another adversary against him, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who had fled from his lord, Hadadezer king of Zobah. [24] So he gathered men to him and became captain over a band of raiders, when David killed those of Zobah. And they went to*

Damascus and dwelt there, and reigned in Damascus. [25] He was an adversary of Israel all the days of Solomon (besides the trouble that Hadad caused); and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

- So, guerrilla warfare was begun by this fellow, Hadad, and by Rezon. They began a guerilla warfare against Solomon, giving him real problems.

1Ki 11:26-29 Then Solomon's servant, Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite from Zereda, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king. [27] And this is what caused him to rebel against the king: Solomon had built the Millo and repaired the damages to the City of David his father. [28] The man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon, seeing that the young man was industrious, made him the officer over all the labor force of the house of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh). [29] Now it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the way; and he had clothed himself with a new garment, and the two were alone in the field.

- When Jeroboam left Jerusalem, Ahijah the prophet came to him having a new robe.

1Ki 11:30 Then Ahijah took hold of the new garment that was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces. [31] And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you.

- He handed ten pieces to Jeroboam. (1Sa 15:27) And as Samuel turned around to go away, Saul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore.

1Ki 11:32-33 (but he shall have one tribe for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel), [33] because they have forsaken Me, and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom (or Molech) the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep My statutes and My judgments, as did his father David.

- This is the reason. "They have forsaken me."

1Ki 11:34 However I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, because I have made him ruler all the days of his life for the sake of My servant David, whom I chose because he kept My commandments and My statutes.

- This is what the prophet Ahijah is saying to Jeroboam. Listen, this is what is happening. The reason it is happening is a warning to you. Here is the cause and here is the reason. It is because of idolatry and disobedience! Sadly, Jeroboam does not listen.

1Ki 11:35-39 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand and give it to you—ten tribes. [36] And to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may always have a lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Myself, to put My name there. [37] So I will take you, and you shall reign over all your heart desires, and you shall be king over Israel. [38] Then it shall be, IF you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house (no allusion to a forever-lasting duration), as I built for David, and will give Israel to you. [39] And I will afflict the descendants of David because of this, but not forever.' "

- Here God is commissioning Jeroboam. "It shall be." Notice the key word, "if!!!"
- God is looking for a king that will obey and faithfully observe His commandments. All you have to do is just obey Me, and I am going to give you the kind of place in Israel's history that I promised to David. This was the promise that was given, and I will afflict the descendants of David because of this, but not forever.

1Ki 11:40-43 Solomon therefore sought to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon. [41] Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of

the acts of Solomon? (No record - But we are blessed with Psalms 72 & 127; Most of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes (Ecc 12:13-14) *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.*) and the Song of Solomon!- a great contribution!) [42] *And the period that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years* (about 971-931 BC). [43] *Then Solomon rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.*

- **So we come to the end of Solomon's career.** A tragic story indeed. Because here is the man who had every opportunity in the world. God had blessed him abundantly. Every opportunity God had visited him. He was greatly blessed by God, but he allowed God's gifts to dominate his affections, not the Giver. Solomon, despite his wisdom, focused on the gifts and not the Giver!
- **Yet, somehow he thought that he could play loosely with the commandments of God.** He thought he could violate the rules and get by. He thought that he was above the rules. No one is above the rules, not even Solomon. He found that God was right, as we always find that God is right. God has established the laws for our benefit, for our blessings, for our prosperity. If we violate the laws of God, we do so to our own harm, as did Solomon.
- **Now as we move into the next few chapters, God gave this fellow Jeroboam a chance.** "Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house."
- **Jeroboam immediately turned away from God the moment he gained the power of the northern kingdom, putting golden calves on these altars in Dan and in Bethel, saying** "These are the gods that brought you out of Egypt." Thus God cut him off completely! That we might see the goodness of God, as God pours out upon us, His love, and His blessings, as we follow after Him.
- **What important lessons are here for us to learn!** God help us to learn them, not to just say, "Yes, that is right," and then walk away, and do our own thing. But may we seek the LORD with all of our heart, and continue to seek the LORD.
- **We read in (Psa 62:10b) If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them. Keep your heart set on the LORD.** Let Him be always first in your life, and you will be blessed, and God will prosper you. You will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. But if you turn your back on God and forsake the LORD, you are going to suffer. It is going to catch up with you. You cannot escape it!
- **It is hard to imagine anyone better qualified to live a successful life than Solomon.** He was chosen by God to be king. He was given wisdom, wealth and peace by God. He chose not to live a successful life with God.
- **Oh that we would learn to obey the LORD, and to cling to Him!**
- **Oh that we would learn not to turn after the gods of silver and gold, tin, wood and stone. That we would not be so taken with the material things, that our heart does not turn from the LORD. But that we would diligently serve Him, seeking the LORD all of the days of our lives, that it might be well with us.**
- **How are you doing? How am I doing? Success in life does not come automatically from possessing wisdom, but on our choices; moment by moment, day by day.**
- **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for His grace and His mercies, which endure forever!**

GIVE US CLEAN HANDS – Maranatha Singers (2:33/2:36)

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees Oh Spirit come make us humble

We turn our eyes from evil things Oh Lord we cast down our idols

So give us clean hands and give us pure Hearts Let us not lift our souls to another

Oh give us clean hands and give us pure Hearts Let us not lift our souls to another

Oh God let this be a generation that seeks Who seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob

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CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study I Kings, Chapters 12-13