

Quiet Time

July 7-13, 2024

1 Kings 11:4 ^{ESV}

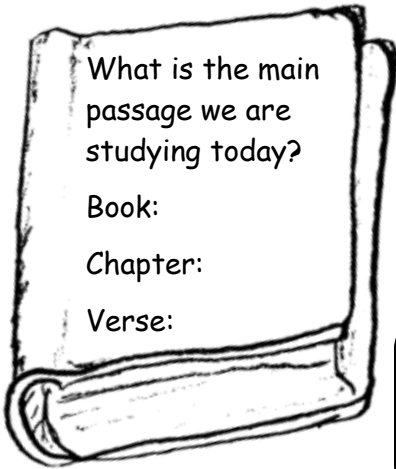
"For when Solomon was old
his wives turned away his heart after other gods,
and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God,
as was the heart of David his father."

GOD
Punishes
Solomon



Sermon notes

As you attend church service with your family, use these next two pages to help you listen and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God, praying, and listening to God's Word being read and taught.



Title of Sermon:

What is the Big Idea of the passage?



Which song from today's service is your favorite and why?

Worshipping God in Word

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. – 1 Timothy 4:13



Why did God command Israel's kings to read the law (Bible) every day (Deuteronomy 17:19)? _____

Who gathered to hear Ezra read the Bible to them in *Nehemiah 8:2*?

"Everyone who could u_____ what they h_____."

On what did Ezra stand to read the Bible to them (*Nehemiah 8:4*)?

"a wooden p_____"

After reading the Scriptures, the Levites *"gave the sense"* of the reading so the people could understand. This is just like what our elders do every Sunday morning as we gather in the auditorium. The Scripture is read to everyone who can understand, and they explain it (give the sense) to us. This is what we call preaching today.

What were some of the ways people respond to the preaching of God's Word (*8:9, 12; 9:2*)?

1. *8:9* = _____
2. *8:12* = _____
3. *9:2* = _____

Jesus commanded His followers to continue this practice of reading and explaining Scripture in public. The Apostle Paul told Timothy to be devoted to the public reading of Scripture. When God's Word is being read, we should carefully follow along in our own Bibles and think about what God is telling us.

What verses were read from the Bible today during our gathering?

Ask God to help you listen and understand the teaching of His Word and do your best to write down some things you heard taught. Then, talk with your parents about the teaching on the way home.



Words you heard but don't know...

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something that you heard in the sermon today.

Fill in the blanks below during the service, and then talk to your parents about them on the way home.

I heard _____
but was confused or had a hard time believing it.

Hearing and believing this about God is... _____

_____ ...changes the way I...

GOD Punishes Solomon - Monday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Deuteronomy 17:14-20; Psalm 1

Who was to choose Israel's king (v 15)?

- a. Prophet b. Priest c. the LORD

The king was NOT supposed to "acquire" what 3 things (vv 16-17)?

- a. Gold, silver, and diamonds c. Horses, wives, and excessive
b. Wood, hay, and stubble silver/gold

What 3 things was the king commanded to do with the law (vv 18-19)?

- a. Write a copy of it, read it every day, and obey it
b. Hide it, ignore it, and keep others from following it
c. Read it, think about it, and pretend to obey it

What did God say would happen if the king acquired many horses, wives and excessive gold/silver (v 17)?

- a. He'd win a lot of battles c. He'd stop worshiping the LORD
b. He'd have a lot of kids

What did God say would happen if the king was careful to read and follow God's law (v 20)?

- a. He'd be humble c. His kingdom would last long
b. He'd worship the LORD d. a, b and c

Application:

God told the king that the way he treated God's law would show what the king wanted in his heart. If the king listened to God's law, it would show that the king loved the LORD, but by refusing God's law, the king was showing that he wanted to be his own god. *Psalm 1* teaches us the same thing. We will either listen to the teachings of the world, or we will listen to the word of God. What does the psalmist say is true about the person who listens to God's word (v 2)? He d _____ in (loves) God's law and m _____ (thinks about) on it day & night.

What happens to the person who does NOT love God's word (vv 5-6)?

He will p _____ (be eternally punished by God).

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

GOD Punishes Solomon - Tuesday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: 1 Kings 11:1-8

Yesterday, you read God's specific instructions to His chosen kings. Of the 3 things that God's king was NOT supposed to do, what did Solomon do (v 1)? He acquired many _____.

Verse 1 doesn't just say that he acquired many women (wives), but it also says that these women were "foreign", or were from other nations. Why did God tell the Israelites NOT to marry foreign women (v 2)?

They would _____.

Just how many women did Solomon acquire (v 3)? _____

Did they do what God said they would do (v 4)? + _____

YES or NO _____

What did Solomon do for the gods of these women that he'd also done for the LORD God (v 7)? Built _____

What does this tell us about Solomon's heart (vv 2, 6)? He c_____ to (loved) the foreign women, and he did NOT f_____ the L_____.

Application:

God teaches that Christians shouldn't marry those who don't worship God, and that Christians must be careful of the kinds of people with whom they hang, as both will turn one's heart away from God.

2 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV) — ¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with u_____. For what partnership has r_____ with u_____? Or what f_____ has l_____ with d_____?

1 Corinthians 15:33 (ESV) — ³³ Do not be deceived: "B_____ c_____ ruins g_____ m_____."

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

GOD Punishes Solomon – Wednesday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: 1 Kings 11:9-14, 23

TRUE OR FALSE The LORD was angry with Solomon because of Solomon's worship of false gods (v 9).

TRUE OR FALSE The LORD chose to show Himself to Solomon two times (v 9).

TRUE OR FALSE The LORD told Solomon not to worship other gods (v 10).

TRUE OR FALSE The LORD told Solomon that if he worshiped God alone, then God would establish his throne (9:4-5).

TRUE OR FALSE Solomon did not keep what the LORD commanded (v 11).

TRUE OR FALSE The LORD was true to His Word and punished Solomon (v 23).

TRUE OR FALSE The LORD had also said that Israel would be removed from the Promised Land and the temple of the LORD would be destroyed if Solomon didn't keep God's commands (9:6-7).

Even though Solomon deserved immediate punishment, God gave Solomon grace. What two gifts of grace did God give to Solomon and his family (vv 12-13)? 1) _____

2) _____

In a few weeks, you'll study about God's wrath being poured out on the whole nation of Israel, just like He said would happen in 1 Kings 9:6-7.

Application: Jesus said that we shouldn't fear man who can only hurt our bodies, but that we SHOULD fear God because God will choose our eternal home. Do you worship God alone? Luke 12:4-9 (ESV)

⁴ "Do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. ⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into _____ . Yes, I tell you, fear him!

⁸ "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, ⁹ but the one who _____ me before men will be _____ before the angels of God.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

GOD Punishes Solomon – Thursday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: 1 Kings 11:26-36

What was Jeroboam's role in Solomon's kingdom (vv 26, 28)? _____

Who "found" Jeroboam on the road outside of Jerusalem (v 29)? _____

Who did this man serve (v 31)? _____

What strange thing did this man do to his nice, new robe and what did it show (vv 30-31)? _____

Three times, God said that He was going to give grace to Solomon "for the sake of My servant, _____" (vv 32, 34, 36). What was God's gift of grace to Solomon in these verses? _____

There are two very important truths that we should learn through this story: 1) When God speaks, it always comes to pass, and 2) God gives grace to His chosen people and not what they really deserve.

Application: In *Romans*, God teaches us: 1) We are all sinners, "For all have _____ and fall short of the glory of God," (*Romans 3:23*) and 2) We all deserve God's wrath, "For the wages (punishment) of sin is _____ ..." (*Romans 6:23*). But *Romans 6:23* also says, "...the free _____ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Just as Solomon was given grace because of David's whole-hearted obedience of God, so we can receive God's grace because of Jesus' whole-hearted obedience of God. *Romans 5:17 (ESV)* — For if, because of one man's trespass, _____ reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of _____ and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man _____.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

GOD Punishes Solomon – Friday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: 1 Kings 11:37-39; 2 Samuel 7:12-16

What do you notice is similar between these verses: 2 Samuel 7:16; 1 Kings 9:5; 11:38? God makes this promise to these kings: _____

God's promise to Jeroboam has a big "IF" attached to it. What must be true about Jeroboam's reign in order to receive God's promise (v 38)?

In verse 39, we see that Solomon is not the only one who is being punished for his sinful worship of false gods. Who else is "afflicted"?

Within God's judgment to Solomon, God gives a little bit of hope in verse 39. How long will God's punishment be poured out on David and Solomon's descendants? _____

God had promised to David that one of his descendants would be on the throne forever so that God's punishment to Solomon would "not be forever". By God's grace, who will be the last descendant of Solomon who will be afflicted for the sin of Solomon (Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:26-33; John 2:18-22)? _____

Application:

Solomon and Jeroboam were given a promise that was based upon their whole-hearted worship of God. As we saw this week in Solomon, and as you'll see next week in Jeroboam, neither king was able to keep their part of the promise. Just like them, we cannot worship God as we should on our own. But, Jesus was afflicted for our sin, too, so that we might become what (2 Corinthians 5:21)? The _____ of God

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

God Punishes Solomon – Saturday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: 1 Kings 11:40-43; 2 Sam 12:13-16,19-20; Psalm 51

God told Solomon that the kingdom would be ripped out of Solomon's hands, but when Solomon found out that Jeroboam was seeking to take away his kingdom, how did Solomon respond (v 40)?

- He gave Jeroboam the key to his palace.
- He confessed his sins to God and repented of them.
- He was angry and tried to kill Jeroboam.

True OR False Solomon was able to stay on his throne forever.

Solomon didn't respond very well to God's discipline. King David sinned and was also punished by God. However, David responded differently to God's punishment than Solomon...

2 Samuel 12:13–20 (ESV) — ¹³ David said to Nathan, "I have s_____ against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die." ¹⁶ David therefore s_____ God on behalf of the child. And David f_____ and went in and lay all night on the ground. ¹⁹ But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David understood that the child was dead. ²⁰ Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the LORD and w_____.

Psalm 51 (ESV) — ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² W_____ me thoroughly from my iniquity, and c_____ me from my sin! ¹⁰ Create in me a c_____, h_____, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Application: Both sinned and both were punished, but only one asked God to turn his heart back to the Lord (repented). You're a sinner. You deserve God's punishment. How will you respond to your sin and God's offer of grace? Like King David, or like King Solomon? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Prayer Journal

Honor God with your praises and respect

Examine your life for sin and confess it to God

Ask God to supply for your personal needs

Request God's help for the needs of others

Thank God for blessing you every day

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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