

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 05 June ..... 1Kings 01-04 ..... Granted
- 2) 12 June ..... 1Kings 05-08 ..... Repentance
- 3) 19 June ..... 1Kings 09-11 ..... **Compromised**
- 4) 26 June ..... 1Kings 12-14 ..... Divided
- 5) 03 July ..... 1Kings 15-16 ..... Return
- 6) 10 July ..... 1Kings 17-18 ..... Proven
- 7) 17 July ..... 1Kings 19-22 ..... Hope
- 8) 24 July ..... 2Kings 01-05 ..... God Heals
- 9) 31 July ..... 2Kings 06-08 ..... God Provides
- 10) 07 Aug ..... 2Kings 09-12 ..... God Honors
- 11) 14 Aug ..... 2Kings 13-17 ..... God Judges
- 12) 21 Aug ..... 2Kings 18-21 ..... God Hears
- 13) 28 Aug ..... 2Kings 22-25 ..... God Moves

**INTRODUCTION**

- Why do women have such an overwhelming influence on men? Even Adam chose to stay with Eve in a sin-cursed world than obey God in the Garden of Eden.
- Solomon had it all – wealth, wisdom, power, wine, women, song, and God's pleasure
  - ♦ But he blew it by putting the desires of women first instead of seeking to please God
- Where's the balance between meeting the desires of our spouse, putting others before ourselves, and pleasing God?

Passage	Comments
1Kings 9:1-28	<p><b>God Means Business – Obey or Suffer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God reiterates His promise – if Solomon remained faithful, he would be blessed for generations, and if not, Israel would be wiped off the map.</li> <li>• vv2-9. God gives Solomon an ultimate – Obey Me and be Blessed or Forsake Me and Perish                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ How well would we do with such an ultimatum?</li> <li>♦ Would we pass or fail the test?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv3. God promised to be perpetually in the House that Solomon built for Him. How long is “perpetually”? Is it a conditional or an unconditional promise?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ vv4-8. This particular perpetual promise is very conditional, based on the behavior of God's people</li> <li>♦ Recall God refused to honor His perpetual covenant with Eli for His ungodly behavior for not rebuking his immoral sons, Hophni &amp; Phinehas..... <b>1Sam 2:29-31</b></li> <li>♦ Was God unfaithful? No, He was not unfaithful. We must realize when we consider the whole counsel of God, such promises were conditional (God will keep His covenant if Israel would remain faithful – but they weren't and they didn't) ..... <b>Deut 31:16-17</b></li> <li>♦ However, some of God's covenants were unconditional – e.g., His Davidic covenant to raise up a King/Priest/Prophet – Jesus Christ</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv12-13. Hiram, King of Tyre, was not happy with Solomon's gift of 20 cities in payment for construction timber. They seemed to be the worst cities in Solomon's kingdom. Why would Solomon treat Hiram like this? Would or could such poor payment or treatment turn a friend into an enemy?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The nation of Tyre would eventually turn against Israel, &amp; God would invoke its destruction... <b>Am 1:10</b></li> <li>♦ <b>Beware.</b> Even godly people can mistreat good friends at times, turning one-time friends into enemies. Don't be afraid to confess &amp; repent.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv20-21. Israel failed to annihilate the idolatrous, adulterous, child-sacrificing nations, so their evil influence would haunt them for generations</li> </ul>

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10:1-29	<p><b>Queen of Sheba is Awed by Solomon's Wisdom</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v3. Solomon answered all of Sheba's questions                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ What kind of questions did Q. of Sheba asked?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How did you get so smart/wise?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Can anyone get as smart/wise as you?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What makes your God, the ONLY GOD?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What can your God do for me?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What questions would you ask?</li> </ul> </li> <li>♦ God's people should be able to answer the numerous and various questions by skeptics</li> <li>♦ We are always to be prepared to give an answer or a defense for the hope which is in us..... <b>1Peter 3:15</b></li> <li>♦ How would we answer the follow skeptic questions?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Can God save me? What do I need to do?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How can God straighten out my life?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Can God give me more money? Better health?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How old is the earth, and does it matter?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Why isn't God healing like He once did?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What is wrong with alternative lifestyles?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How do the roles of men and women differ?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> When is Jesus coming back?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• v5. "...there was no more spirit in her", in other words, Solomon's wisdom took her breath away</li> <li>• We, too, should seek God's wisdom to accomplish His will in our lives..... <b>James 1:5</b></li> <li>• Plus, if we have God's wisdom, people will be glad when they see us (<b>Ps 119:74</b>), and they would even seek us out (<b>Ps 119:79</b>)</li> </ul>
11:1-43	<p><b>Solomon's Downfall – the Love of Women</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-3. Solomon loved 1,000 foreign women</li> <li><b>NOTE:</b> Nothing unbiblical about marrying someone of a different race. The issue is marrying someone of a different faith – unequally yoked – and marrying more than one when the previous one is still alive!</li> <li>• vv4-13. Solomon served God half-heartedly</li> <li>• vv11. National consequences since Solomon was the King, and what the King does the people eventually do</li> <li>• vv12-36. BUT, for the sake of David, God's judgment would be tempered</li> <li>• vv37-38. God gave Jeroboam a promise to make him a great king – IF he obeyed – BUT he did not</li> <li>• vv39. But nothing can thwart God's plan to bless</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:**

- Solomon contributed ~45 pages (4%) of the Bible's content, yet he failed to heed his own advice. He was wise, but not prudent; a hearer, but not a doer of God's word
- There is no balancing act between pleasing our spouse, pleasing others, pleasing ourselves, and pleasing God. Rather, it is a priority act. God must come first before anything and everything – else we will not be able to put others before ourselves as we should

**NEXT WEEK: 1Kings 12-14.** The breakup of Israel into the northern (Israel) and southern (Judah) kingdoms begins.

