

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 05 Dec..... 1Kings 1-4..... What Money Can't Buy
- 2) 12 Dec..... 1Kings 5-9a..... Why Prayer Deserves Priority
- 3) 19 Dec..... Mat 1-2..... Worship the King of Kings
- 4) 26 Dec..... 1Kings 9b-11..... **Where Compromise Takes You**
- 5) 02 Jan..... 1Kings 12-16a..... Anatomy of a Grave Decision
- 6) 09 Jan..... 1Kings 16b-22..... A Hill on Which to Stand
- 7) 16 Jan..... 2Kings 21-23..... Building a Culture for Life
- 8) 23 Jan..... 2Kings 1-5..... Sick of Greed?
- 9) 30 Jan..... 2Kings 6-8..... Right Not to Remain Silent
- 10) 06 Feb..... 2Kings 9-10..... Danger! Unbridled Passion
- 11) 13 Feb..... 2Kings 11-17..... U-Turn Here – and Now!
- 12) 20 Feb..... 2Kings 18-20..... Got to Have Hope
- 13) 27 Feb..... 2Kings 23-25..... Keep Hope Alive

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 |
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| 1Kings 9:1-28 | <p>God Means Business – Obey or Suffer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv2-9. God gives Solomon an ultimate – Obey Me and be Blessed or Forsake Me and Perish • vv20-21. Israel failed to annihilate the idolatrous, adulterous, child-sacrificing nations, so their evil influence would haunt them for generations |
| 10:1-29 | <p>Queen of Sheba is Awed by Solomon’s Wisdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v5. “...there was no more spirit in her”, in other words, Solomon’s wisdom took her breath away • We, too, should seek God’s wisdom to accomplish His will in our lives James 1:5 • Plus, if we have God’s wisdom, people will be glad when they see us (Ps 119:74), and they will seek us out (Ps 119:79) |
| 11:1-43 | <p>Solomon’s Downfall – the Love of Women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-3. Solomon loved 1,000 foreign women <p>NOTE: Nothing unbiblical about marrying someone of a different race. The issue is marrying someone of a different religion – unequally yoked</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv4-13. Solomon served God half-heartedly • v11. National consequences since Solomon was the King, and what the King does the people do • v39. But nothing can thwart God’s plan to bless |

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 12-16. The breakup of Israel into the northern (Israel) and southern (Judah) kingdoms

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