

Solomon's Life

SLIDE 1 Review

Life of King David a man after God's own heart. David sinned and slept with Uriah's wife Bathsheba and had him killed to cover up his sin. Nathan the prophet busted David and David repented. Confess our sins and He will forgive us.

Preview

Today we will look at David's son, Solomon, who took His place after David died and became King.

SLIDE 2 David instructs his son Solomon

1Kings 2:3-4 Observe the requirements of the LORD your God, and follow all His ways. Keep the decrees, commands, regulations, and laws written in the Law of Moses so that you will be successful in all you do and wherever you go. If you do this, then the LORD will keep the promise He made to me. He told me, 'If your descendants live as they should and follow Me faithfully with all their heart and soul, one of them will always sit on the throne of Israel.'

- If we live in obedience to God we will experience His best. Sin however will rob us of God's best.

SLIDE 3 Solomon asks for wisdom

1 Kings 3 God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said "Ask! What shall I give you?". Solomon asked for wisdom. This pleased God because he did not ask for riches & honor, long life or the lives of his enemies. He said I will give you understanding like no other before or after you.

- So God gave Solomon riches & honor also, but God asked him to walk in His ways, His statutes and His commandments.
- Because of what Jesus has done for us, we also should walk in obedience to Him.
- People came from all over to hear Solomon speak.
- Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs a book of wisdom, Song of Solomon and at the end of His life Ecclesiastes.

Demonstration of his wisdom

Two prostitutes were sleeping with their babies; one rolled over and killed her child. Both claimed that the living baby was hers. So Solomon said bring me a sword, I will cut the baby in two and give each of you half. One of the woman said fine, the other

cried out, NO, give the baby to her....Solomon said no I'll give the baby to you for the second one, for she is the true mother would care.

SLIDE 4 A time of peace and prosperity

During Solomon's reign there was a time of peace and prosperity. Silver was as common as rocks, they were numerous, eating and drinking and rejoicing.

- Deuteronomy 8:11 When I bless you don't forget me.
- 1 Corinthians 10 Learn from Israel. We are blessed in America and we are forgetting God also.

SLIDE 5 Solomon builds a temple for God

His father David wanted to build a temple for God and drew up the plans but God said you have too much blood on your hands, so Solomon will need to build the temple. After David died Solomon built a temple for God to be worshipped at in Jerusalem.

- Solomon started out well
- Temple was destroy in AD 70 but will be rebuilt the last 7 years of the world.

God appears a second time to Solomon

Obey me and I will bless you. If not I will remove my people from the land of Israel and they will become a byword.

Warning- 1 Kings 9:8-9 And though this Temple is impressive now, all who pass by will be appalled and will shake their heads in amazement. They will ask, 'Why did the LORD do such terrible things to this land and to this Temple?' "And the answer will be, 'Because His people abandoned the LORD their God, who brought their ancestors out of Egypt, and they worshiped other gods instead and bowed down to them. That is why the LORD has brought all these disasters on them.'"

SLIDE 6 Solomon's sin

God told Israel to drive out the enemies of God and not to intermarry with the enemies of God for if they did they would end up worshipping their false gods and idols. Israel did not obey and kill and drive out the enemies of God and Solomon did not obey and had 700 wives and 300 concubines. His wives turned his heart away from God. He ended up worshipping the gods and idols of these pagan people. They were enemies of God because what the false gods did was very sinful.

- **Milcom** - a form of Baal - storm & fertility. Sacrificed their first born to fire.
- **Chemosh** - mother goddess who required human sacrifice
- **Molech** - ritual prostitution

- **Consequences-** the kingdom of Israel was divided and would eventually be taken captive by the Assyrians and the Babylonians and lose their land for a time. Solomon's children were influenced by him worshipping false gods and thus the nation would eventually become slaves of another country.
- **Later in Solomon's** life he wrote the book of Ecclesiastes, he had tried all the pleasures of life that being a rich king could have and he came to this conclusion.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 Here now is my final conclusion: Pleasure is vanity. Fear God and obey His commands, for this is everyone's duty. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

- **Fear God-** realize God can bless you or judge you.
- **Obeying God** is where we experience His best for our life, not doing whatever we want.
- **God will judge** the good and the bad. For non- believers they will be judged for their sin. For believers they will be rewarded for what you have done on earth.

SLIDE 7 Apply

Solomon started our good, but disobedience robbed him of God's best- so with us. We must learn to walk daily with the Lord to experience His best all the days of our lives so we can finish well.

The Bible tells us to marry other Christians. We see from Solomon's life why - they can lead you and your children away from God.

Living for pleasure does not satisfy, Solomon's life tells us that, because as an old man he wrote Ecclesiastes, and he said it was all vanity, the only thing important is to obey God.

GOSPEL

Questions

2nd prizes

1. What did King David tell his son to do? Obey God
2. What did Solomon ask God for? Wisdom
3. What did Solomon build? A temple for God

1st prizes

4. What should we remember during a time of peace and prosperity (blessing)?
Don't forget God
5. What was Solomon's sin? His wives turned him from God to worship false gods.
6. What was the final conclusion Solomon came to late in His life? Pleasure is vanity. Fear God and obey Him for He will judge the good and the bad