

## LUST LOSS. 1 KN. 11:1-13. 09/25/22. #28.

But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites—<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. <sup>6</sup>Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as *did* his father David. <sup>7</sup>Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon. <sup>8</sup>And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. <sup>9</sup>So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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."

### 1. The wages of lust

- a. Solomon married 700 princesses & had collected 300 concubines
  - a1. Violation of Gen. 2:25
  - a2. Multiple wives are always a problem (Abraham/Sarah/Hagar; Jacob/Leah/Rachel; Elkanah/Peninah/Hannah...)
- b. Solomon's wives were major problems
  - a1. The result of Sol.'s lust is that he physically loved many women (he could not have loved each one as a person)
  - a2. There is no way to have a personal, spiritual, intimate relationship with 1,000 spouses
  - a3. The relationship with God should be special above all other relationships & the relationship with one spouse is to be special above all other earthly relationships
- c. Solomon's wives
  - a1. They were princesses (foreign relationships were involved, influencing the marriages)
  - a2. They were pagan women, worshipping idols (Chemosh, Molech, Milcam, Asherah...)

- d. Solomon's love for God was not exclusive, as his love for his 1<sup>st</sup> wife was not exclusive
- e. His divided allegiance was his downfall
  - a1. He set up altars for their idols
  - a2. He even involved himself in their idolatry

### 2. Not fully with God

- a. God demands total allegiance (Mk. 12:30)
- b. God was important to Sol., but not all important
  - a1. 1 Sam. 15:22-23 just as Saul put his will before God's, Sol. put his wives before God (not a whole heart to the Lord)
  - a2. 1 Cor. 1:29 God will allow no competition to his authority (Ex. 20, 1 Kn. 18)
- c. Whatever competes with God will be win our hearts
  - a1. Mammon, idols, self, & spouses can replace God in our lives
  - a2. Any obsession will destroy us
- d. Sol.'s lust destroyed him

### 3. God pronounces judgment

- a. God takes away his blessing from Solomon
  - a1. He is going to raise up opposition to his rule (God's protection is removed)
  - a2. In his son's day, God is going to take part of the kingdom away & give it to another
- b. Covenant grace
  - a1. Due to God's covenant with David, not all of the kingdom will be taken from Solomon
  - a2. Sol.'s ending was not joyful (Ecc. 12)
- c. Solomon traded eternal glory for temporal earthly pleasures which destroyed him
- d. God poured his love & grace on Sol., but Sol. spurned God with his lust, cravings, & pleasures
- e. Obsessions that compete with God will sink us
- f. There are no lists of Solomon's spiritual fruit
  - a1. Speaks of his earthly glory, but not piety
  - a2. Even Sol.'s proverbs pointed more toward God than his life did
- g. No indication that Sol. repents
- h. Sol. was eventually rejected as God's king