

**Solomon: The Tragedy of Wasted Potential**

**Lesson 4**

*Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

*Hebrews 3:12-13*

**A Great Start**

Solomon’s started very strong. Solomon was blessed with a good political situation and he began his reign by putting God first and seeing tremendous spiritual blessings as a result.

**Solomon had huge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ advantages**

* His reign was firmly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 1:38-49).
* His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was enormous (1 Kings 10:14-23).
* He had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with foreign leaders (1 Kings 5:1-11; 10:1-13).

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* Solomon built the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 5-8).
* Solomon led Israel to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God (1 Kings 8:54-66).
* Solomon humbly asked God for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 3:5-15).

**A Tragic End**

Sadly, the Solomon we meet at the end of his reign sounds completely different from the one we meet at the beginning. Solomon rebelled against God and paid a high price for his sin.

**Solomon’s spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Solomon worshipped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 11:4-8).
* Solomon led \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in worshipping idols (2 Kings 23:13).

**God’s righteous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* God made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ difficult for Solomon (1 Kings 11:14-25).
* God took much of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Solomon (1 Kings 11:9-13).

**A Little Leaven**

How did *he* end up *there*? The answer to that question is as simple as it is chilling – one step at a time.

**Solomon worshipped in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 3:3; cf Deuteronomy 12:1-14).**

**Solomon disobeyed the commands given to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 17:14-17)**

* Solomon horded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 10:14-23)
* Solomon acquired many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 10:26, 28-29)
* Solomon married foreign \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 3:1; 11:1-4)