

God's Promise to David: The Reign of King Solomon
Lesson 9 – 1 Kings 11

A LAMP FOR DAVID'S SAKE

Solomon's Idolatry (1 Kings 11:1-13).

72. Contrast 1 Kings 3:3a with 1 Kings 11:1. Now read Revelation 2:4. What is the operative word in these verses? Why did Solomon begin worshipping false gods? What warning should Christians read in these verses?

73. Compare 1 Kings 11:1-2 to 2 Corinthians 6:14-15. Based on these passages, why is it dangerous for a Christian to marry a non-Christian?

74. The opening of 1 Kings 11:4 reads "When Solomon was old." What kind of temptations and troubles do older Christians face? What can the church do to help them?

75. The phrase "turn your heart away" or the equivalent is repeated several times in this section of chapter 11. How are we Christians also guilty of this sin? What is the solution to the sin of turning our hearts away?

Solomon's Adversaries (1 Kings 11:14-40).

76. This section gives details about adversaries God raised against Solomon. The Hebrew word for adversary is *satan*. What do you think these verses teach us about the work of the devil in the lives of Christians?

Solomon's Death (1 Kings 11:41-43).

77. Is Solomon in heaven? If he is, how can he be considering the way he ended up? Why is this comforting to us?

Where is Jesus?

78. Re-read 1 Kings 11:11-13 and 11:31-32. How are these verses related to God's promise to David? How did God keep His promise?

79. Re-read 1 Kings 11:36. What is the lamp that God promised? What does this promise mean for us?