

## The Marriages of Solomon and his Repentance Part 2

*“7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.” (1 Kings 11:7-8 KJV)*

Solomon came to such a degree of impiety that he set up high places for Chemosh and Molech in the hill that is before Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives as if to confront the temple which himself had built. These high places continued there in the same places, not utterly demolished, till Josiah's time, *“13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.” (2 Kings 23:13 KJV)* King Josiah removed all these abominations, 358 years after Solomon.

Let us now pause awhile, and lament Solomon's fall and the account given here of his apostasy:

- How strange that Solomon, in his old age, should be ensnared with fleshly and youthful lusts.
- How so a man as Solomon wise was, so famed for a quick understanding and sound judgment, should suffer himself to be made such a fool of by these foolish women.
- How that one who had so often and so plainly warned others of the danger of the love of women should himself be so wretchedly bewitched with it; it is easier to see mischief and to show it to others than to shun it ourselves. *Therefore we need to be careful, that we who instruct or advise others will not fall into the same sin.*
- How that so good a man, so zealous for the worship of God, who had been so conversant with divine things, and who prayed that excellent prayer at the dedication of the temple, should do these sinful things. Is this Solomon? Have all his wisdom and devotion come to this at last?

What shall we say to all this? Why God permitted it? It is not for us to ask this question to God; His way is in the sea and His path in the great waters; He knew how to bring glory to Himself out of it. God foresaw it when He said to David concerning Solomon who should build the temple, *“12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.” (2 Samuel 7:12-16 KJV)*

God promised about Solomon that, *“If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men.” (2 Samuel 7:14 KJV)* God also promised,

*“But my mercy shall not depart away from him.” (2 Samuel 7:15 KJV)* So here we can see the promise of God that He will establish His Kingdom through the house of David, and for this reason, we can conclude God's mercy in bringing Solomon into discipline and chastisement to bring him into repentance.

Now what concerns us is what good lessons we can make out of Solomon's life?

*A. Let him that thinks he stands to take heed lest he falls:* We see how weak we are of ourselves, without the grace of God; let us, therefore, live in constant dependence on that grace and know-how to humble down before God and refrain from boasting.

*B. See the danger of a prosperous condition, and how hard it is to overcome the temptations of it:* Solomon waxed fat and started to kick. *Abundant food would bring us to the brim of sin therefore we need to take warning out of that.* Solomon wrote about that but he did not take heed of it: *“7 Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: 8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: 9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.” (Proverbs 30:7-9 KJV)*

*C. The more we are devoted to God, the more we are called to keep the testimony:* See what need those have to stand upon their guard who has made a great profession of faith, and shown themselves forward and zealous in devotion, because the devil will fight against them most violently, and, if they misbehave, the reproach is the greater. *Therefore, let us fear God and continue to run the good race lest we come short of what God would expect from us.*

*“9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, 10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. 11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. 12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. 13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.” (1 Kings 11:9-13 KJV)* Here was God's anger against Solomon for his sin. The thing Solomon did displease the Lord. Before, the Lord loved Solomon, *“24 And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him.” (2 Samuel 12:24 KJV)* and delighted in him, *“9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.” (1 Kings 10:9 KJV)* But now the Lord was angry with Solomon for his sin, *“9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice.” (1 Kings 11:9 KJV)* The most and base ingratitude that Solomon did, that he turned from the Lord who *“had appeared unto him twice”*, once before he began to build the temple *“5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.” (1 Kings 3:5 KJV)* and once again after he had dedicated it, *“2 That the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.” (1 Kings 9:2 KJV)* *God keeps account of the*

gracious visits He makes us. Whether we do well with Him or not, God knows how often He has appeared to us and for us and will remember it against us if we turn away from Him.

God's appearing to Solomon was such a sensible confirmation of his faith and it also a mean prevented him from worshipping any other god; it was also such a distinguishing favor and honor upon that God had put on Solomon, which he ought never to have forgotten, especially considering what God said to him in both these appearances.

The most willful disobedience of Solomon, this was the very thing concerning which God had commanded him—that he should not go after other gods, yet he was not restrained and did not keep what God had commanded him, ***“10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.” (1 Kings 11:10 KJV)***

Those who have dominion over men are apt not to forget God's dominion over them; and, while they demand obedience from their inferiors, they should not deny it to God who is the Supreme. Therefore God sent to Solomon this message: ***“11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.” (1 Kings 11:11 KJV)*** The Lord said unto Solomon that he will be disciplined for his apostasy, as God told it to him, ***“I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.”*** The sentence was just, that, since Solomon had revolted from God, part of his kingdom should revolt from his family. Solomon had given away God's glory to the creatures; therefore God would give his crown to his servant: ***“I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.”*** God told Solomon that He will rend the kingdom from his hand and will give it to his servant, who shall bear rule over much of that for which Solomon has labored.

This was a great humiliation and disappointment to Solomon, who pleased himself with the prospect of the handing over of his rich kingdom upon his heirs forever. **Therefore we need to be aware of what sin can bring upon our families as it did here on the family of Solomon; sin brings ruin upon families, cuts off blessings, causes the loss of estates, and lays men's honor in the dust.**

Yet with all what Solomon did, the Lord was very kind, for David's sake in implementing His discipline upon Solomon and his family: ***“12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. 13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.” (1 Kings 11:12-13 KJV)*** Such kindness was for the sake of the promise God made to David. **Therefore, and in the same way, all the favor God would show us today is for Christ's sake, and the sake of the covenant made with Him, that He will forgive us our sins when we come to Him in repentance.**

True, the Kingdom shall be rent from Solomon's house, but, not immediately. Solomon shall not live to see it done, but it shall be rent out of the hand of his son, Rehoboam, a son that was born to him by one of his strange wives, for his mother was an Ammonitess, ***“31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.” (1 Kings 14:31 KJV)*** Probably also his mother had been a promoter of idolatry. **What comfort**

can a man take in leaving children and an estate if he did not leave a blessing behind him? Yet, if judgments are coming, it is a favor to us if they come not in our days. The judgment of God came unto Solomon after his death.

True, the kingdom shall be rent from Solomon's house, but, not wholly. One tribe, that is Judah, the strongest and most numerous, shall remain to the house of David, ***“13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.” (1 Kings 11:13 KJV)*** God did this for David's sake, for the sake of Jerusalem, and for the sake of the temple of God that was there, which Solomon built; these shall not go into other hands. Solomon did not quickly nor wholly turn away from God; therefore God did not quickly nor wholly take the kingdom from him.

***“11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.” (1 Kings 11:11 KJV)*** Upon this message which God graciously sent to Solomon, to awaken his conscience and bring him to repentance, we have reason to hope that he humbled himself before God, confessed his sins, begged pardon, and returned to his duty.

Solomon published his repentance in the book of Ecclesiastes, where he bitterly lamented his own folly and madness that he did and sin in marrying many and foreign women. Solomon wrote and indicated his repentance as the following: ***“25 I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness: 26 And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: who so pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.” (Ecclesiastes 7:25-26 KJV)*** Solomon with such confession in writing confessed that he was snared by women, and by this public confession warned others to take heed of such evil courses, and to fear God and keep His commandments, in consideration of the judgment to come, which, it is likely, had made him tremble when God announced it to him. That sermon of repentance that Solomon wrote was a true indication of a broken heart of repentance from sin and turning away from it as in David's repentance who wrote ***Psalms 51*** where he confessed and renounced his sin of adultery with Bathsheba.

Solomon also as a sign of his repentance he wrote and recommended that man need to spend his life with his wife that he loves and not wives, ***“9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.” (Ecclesiastes 9:9 KJV)***

Thus, though Solomon fell, he was not utterly cast down; what God had said to David concerning him was fulfilled: ***“14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.” (2 Samuel 7:14-15 KJV)***

**Though God may allow or permit those whom He loves to fall into sin, He will not allow them to remain still in it.** Solomon's defection, though it was of much reproach to him and a great blemish to his character, yet later on Solomon repented and corrected himself and

afterward he made the pattern of his reign good, for **2 Chronicles 11:17** tells us that King Solomon had done well, **“17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.” (2 Chronicles 11:17 KJV)** It is clearly stated here that King David and King Solomon had done well and they were good examples to the people to follow after, as in here for Rehoboam and the people of the Kingdom of Judah to follow their good example: **“for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.”**

Now one more thing we need to add, that though we have all this reason to hope that Solomon repented and found mercy, yet the Holy Spirit did not think fit to record his recovery clearly, but left it doubtful, for warning to others not to sin upon the presumption of repenting, so they will not take it for granted that they can sin as Solomon and later on God will give them repentance.

\* As well as God may give the evidence of repentance of sinners whether to themselves or others. Therefore, sinners may recover themselves and have the benefit of their repentance, and yet they might deny both the comfort and credit of it; in this way their guilt will be taken away and yet not the reproach. \* This God will do in order to give warning to others not to abuse His grace and not to take Him for granted.

**My Dear and Beloved:** Come now to God in repentance and live the rest of your life on earth in obedience to God and to His Word and command. Start to clean yourself from the immoral relationships with other women, separate from them and keep yourself pure from fornication and adultery. Take seriously the warning that God sent you through this message and repent early so the sequel of your sins will be less and you will receive the mercy of God in your life. God is calling you once again to come back to Him and to start to serve Him, therefore be diligent to respond to Him. Let us pray . . . .

**My Prayer:** Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your love and your mercy and the second opportunity that you give to me to repent and to come back to you.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins especially the sin of immorality, having multiple partners, multiple marriages and the lust of the flesh. Confess and renounce all those relationships and be willing to separate yourself from all of them. Confess and renounce your worldliness, the lust of your eyes and your love for material things. Confess and renounce your bad example and your bad stewardship in wasting the resources that God gave you in a sinful life. Confess and renounce your idol worship and your service to other gods. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers and the sinful culture of your tradition. Confess and renounce your moving away from serving God and your non willingness to suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins

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Lord I commit myself to cut the following immoral relationship with the following persons\_\_\_\_\_. Lord I commit my life to move away from friends, non believers and the Media and the rest of the idols in this world and start to serve you. Lord I commit myself to live my life to you and for my children to raise them according to your will.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and are willing to be cleansed from the sin of immorality, and from worshipping and serving idols. Devil and the spirit of lust I rebuke you in the name of Jesus, go away from them and don't come back to them. Lord help them to reproduce more fruit of the Holy Spirit in order to live a Godly life and that people will be able to see Jesus in their lives. Lord restore them back to serve you and let their repentance and the testimonies of their lives be good example to others to follow you.

Lord, bless us as your church. and help us to continue to implement the sound teaching and to clean the families, the members, the workers and the congregations of the church from the sin of immorality. Lord lead us to help people who are involved in such a sin in order for them to be set free. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in order to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord take the message and spread it to reach all the members, workers, congregations, the families of the church, and others who need your Word. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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