



Heroes & Villains Series, No. 32: Solomon, I Kings 1-11

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Intro: See if any of these quotes are familiar....

The author of these thoughts and many, many more was a poet, song writer, philosopher, naturalist, a man of means who used his wealth to investigate life, all it had to offer as well as its many pitfalls. He started well and most of his life was amazingly successful and godly, though he finished his life very poorly indeed.

Review: Solomon (means peaceful), son of King David and Bathsheba, reigned 970–930 BC. Nicknamed at his birth by God, *Jedidiah*, "loved by God" (2nd Samuel 12:24–25). 10th son of David, follows him as the 3rd King of Israel and last to rule over united monarchy. His story occupies 1st Kings 1–11, 1st Chronicles 22, 29 & 2 Chronicles 1–9.

He rules over more geography than any other Jewish King, from the Euphrates River to Egypt. His reign was the golden age of Israel; the wealthiest, the most influential and most powerful. Solomon is routinely remembered for two key elements of his life; his wisdom and the Temple.

Main point(s)–

1. Solomon valued wisdom, became God’s standard for wisdom & prefigures Jesus who is said to be the sum of God’s wisdom.
2. Solomon was committed to God’s house, God’s name and God’s honor; he foreshadows the Lord Jesus who establishes God’s house and the line of David in God’s house forever.
3. Though Solomon in glory is a picture of Jesus and his future, glorious Kingdom reign, his sins in later life remind us that the ultimate Son of David is Jesus.

I. God’s Wisdom—

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1Kings 3:5–12

Faced w/ the daunting task of ruling God’s kingdom Solomon’s one request from God is wisdom adequate for that great responsibility.

If God appeared to you tonight, and said ask for anything at all, what would it be? _____

Proverbs 1:1–7

Proverbs 1–9

Wisdom will:

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What’s my source of wisdom? _____ Do I value godly wisdom like Solomon did? _____

Do I treat God’s wisdom in His Word and in the Person of Christ as the ultimate treasure to pursue? _____

Lord, show me your wisdom so I can honor you in: _____

II. God's House/Worship—

Christ like faithfulness is also seen in Solomon's dedication to God's worship and God's house.

Five of the eleven chapters in 1st Kings that tell of Solomon's life cover issues regarding building and providing for the Temple.

7 years of massive labor and wealth to construct; a wonder of the ancient world and the largest sacred space on earth. The Temple proper, not including side chambers stood 45' tall, 90' L and 30'W. It was made entirely of stone carved off site, then the interior was paneled in carved wood which was then covered in gold. The holy of holies was a perfect cube of 30', w/ the Ark of the Covenant and the golden cherubim spanning wall to wall it's only furnishing,

2nd Chronicles 5:11–14

2nd Chronicles 6:12– 14

18–21

2nd Chronicles 7:1–4

God says that in our day he's building a Temple:

Acts 2

1st Peter 2:5

1st Corinthians 3:16–17

1Timothy 3:14–15

God means for the Church to be the glorious, holy place where he is worshiped by those who know him, where people outside his family find forgiveness and restoration, where heaven touches earth.

Do I value the living Church of the living God like Solomon valued that stone and wood and gold one? _____

Do I personally invest in God's Temple?

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III. A Greater Fulfillment—

1Kings 11:1–6

Idolatry steals our hearts away from God to lesser idols; what are mine? _____

While Solomon's successes are meant to point us to the greater fulfillment of God's promises in the Lord Jesus Solomon's great failures are meant to remind us that grand and wise and glorious as any mere mortal may be, it's Jesus alone and uniquely who has ever, or could ever, please God fully in every way. The only King over every other King; the only Lord over every other Lord.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! ...8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth! Psalm 72, of Solomon