



# "Faith in the Reign of Solomon"

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### Introduction

3 Now Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. 4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place; Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night; and God said, "Ask what [you wish] Me to give you." 6 Then Solomon said, "You have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father, according as he walked before You in truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward You; and You have reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as [it is] this day. 7 "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 "Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted. 9 "So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" 10 It was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you. 13 "I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days. 14 "If you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days." 15 Then Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and made peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants. [1Ki 3:3-15 NASB95]

### 1. A comparison of father and son kings...

#### David and Solomon...

#### 1) ... both reigned \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- 4 David was thirty years old when he became king, [and] **he reigned forty years.** [2Sa 5:4]
- 11 The days that David reigned over Israel [were] forty years: **seven years he reigned in Hebron and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.** [1Ki 2:11 NASB95]
- 30 **Solomon reigned forty years** in Jerusalem over all Israel. [2Ch 9:30 NASB95]

#### 2) ...were both given \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord.

- 7 "Now, therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader over My people Israel. 8 "I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and **I will make you a name like the name of the great ones who are in the earth.** [1Ch 17:7-8 NASB95]
- 26 He [Solomon] was the ruler over all the kings from the Euphrates River even to the land of the Philistines, and as far as the border of Egypt. [2Ch 9:26 NASB95] El Arish
- 22 So King **Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.** 23 And all the kings of the earth were seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart. [2Ch 9:22-23 NASB95]
- 13 Now the weight of gold which came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold, ... 20 All King Solomon's drinking vessels [were] of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the

forest of Lebanon [were] of pure gold; silver was not considered valuable in the days of Solomon. [2Ch 9:13, 20]. — 666 talents = apx 799,200 oz X \$2,004.10 = 1,601,596,800

### 3) ... \_\_\_\_\_ **the Lord.**

- 3 Now **Solomon loved the LORD**, walking in the statutes of his father David, except he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. [1Ki 3:3 NASB95]
- 1 For the choir director. A [Psalm] of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said, "**I love You, O LORD, my strength.**" [Psa 18:1]

## 2. Those who live by faith...

### 1) ... \_\_\_\_\_ **in what the Lord has spoken.**

18 "But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house which I have built. 19 "Yet have regard to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant prays before You; 20 that Your eye may be open toward this house day and night, toward the place of which **You have said that** [You would] put Your name there, to listen to the prayer which Your servant shall pray toward this place. [2Ch 6:18-20 NASB95]

### 2) ...**trust that God will** \_\_\_\_\_ **their prayers.**

12 Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "**I have heard your prayer** and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 "If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, 14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then **I will hear** from heaven, will **forgive** their sin and will **heal** their land. [2Ch 7:12-14 NASB95]

### 3) ...**know they must** \_\_\_\_\_ **in the security of God's word.**

15 "Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer [offered] in this place. 16 "For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that **My name may be there forever**, and **My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually**. 17 "As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, even to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep My statutes and My ordinances, [2Ch 7:15-17 NASB95]

### 4) ...**understand that God judges man's inner** \_\_\_\_\_.

28 "If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, if there is locust or grasshopper, if their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities, whatever plague or whatever sickness [there is,] 29 whatever prayer or supplication is made by any man or by all Your people Israel...30 then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and **forgive**, and render to each according to all his ways, whose heart You know for **You alone know the hearts** of the sons of men, [2Ch 6:28-30]

### 5) ... \_\_\_\_\_ **of their sins and** \_\_\_\_\_ **to God's ways.**

36 "When they sin against You (for there is no man who does not sin) and You are angry with them and deliver them to an enemy, so that they take them away captive to a land far off or near, 37 if they take thought in the land where they are taken captive, and **repent** and make supplication to

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You in the land of their captivity, saying, '**We have sinned, we have committed iniquity and have acted wickedly**'; 38 if they **return to You with all their heart and with all their soul** in the land of their captivity, where they have been taken captive, and pray toward their land which You have given to their fathers and the city which You have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Your name, 39 then hear from heaven, from Your dwelling place, their prayer and supplications, and maintain their cause and forgive Your people who have sinned against You. [2Ch 6:36-39 NASB95]

**6) ...if you turn away from God's word you \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.**

19 "But **if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments** which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, 20 then I will uproot you from My land which I have given you, and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 21 "As for this house, which was exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' 22 "And they will say, '**Because they forsook the LORD**, the God of their fathers who brought them from the land of Egypt, and they adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this adversity on them.'" [2Ch 7:19-22 NASB95]

**7) ...know the Evil One will tempt them in their area of \_\_\_\_\_.**

1 Now King **Solomon loved many foreign women** along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, 2 from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, "You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, [for] they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love. 3 He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away. 4 For **when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods**; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father [had been.] [1Ki 11:1-4 NASB95]

**3. Concluding comparison of David's and Solomon's reigns.**

**1) David pursued the first \_\_\_\_\_.**

**(1) David was a man after God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

22 "After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND **DAVID** the son of Jesse, **A MAN AFTER MY HEART**, who will do all My will.' [Act 13:22 NASB95]

**(2) David administered \_\_\_\_\_ and righteousness for all his people.**

14 So David reigned over all Israel; and he administered justice and righteousness for all his people. [1Ch 18:14 NASB95]

**(3) David died \_\_\_\_\_ in his old age.**

28 Then he [David] died in a ripe old age, full of days, riches and honor; and his son Solomon reigned in his place. [1Ch 29:28 NASB95]

**(4) David passed on a good \_\_\_\_\_ to Solomon.**

28 ...and his son Solomon reigned in his place. [1Ch 29:28 NASB95]

**(5) David was the \_\_\_\_\_ for all the following kings.**

- 3 He [Hezekiah] did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done. [2Ki 18:3 NASB95]
- 2 He [Josiah] did right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left. [2Ch 34:2 NASB95]

**2) Solomon sought wisdom to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**(1) Solomon's wives turned his heart \_\_\_\_\_ from God.**

4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father [had been.] [1Ki 11:4 NASB95]

**(2) Solomon was given great \_\_\_\_\_ to judge good and evil.**

9 "So give Your servant **an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil.** For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" [1Ki 3:9]

**(3) Solomon had no \_\_\_\_\_ in his old age.**

1 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before **the evil days come and the years draw near** when you will say, "**I have no delight in them**"; [Ecc 12:1 NASB95]

**(4) Solomon sins destroyed the \_\_\_\_\_ age for Israel.**

11 So the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant. 12 "Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, [but] I will tear it out of the hand of your son. 13 "However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, [but] 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." [1Ki 11:11-13 NASB95]

**(5) Solomon is never mentioned as an \_\_\_\_\_ to the following kings.**

**Question?**