

Message Summary

Topic: Kings of the Old Testament - Solomon

Scripture Text: 1 Kings 2:1-4

1 Kings

David is telling Solomon the requirements of being a King. (v2-3a)

To keep Gods law is to help us be discerning in life. (v3b) David reminds Solomon that in his role as king, he is accountable to God.

1 Kings 3:5-15

When Solomon prayed to God, he was humble, and he prayed for the right things.

Since God was pleased with his prayer, God granted his secular wisdom to know how to manage the complications that may arise as he ruled as the King of Israel, so that he can be a good king.

1 Kings 11:1-13

Because Solomon disobeyed the direct commandment of the Lord not to love strange women, God caused the downfall of Israel.

1 Kings 9:15, 1 Kings 6:38, 1 Kings 7:1

He used the servants of the Lord to build his own house. He took nearly double the time to build his own home than the time used to build the temple of the LORD.

Ecclesiastes

This book was written by King Solomon to teach us of his mistakes.

Ecclesiastes 1:12-14, Ecclesiastes 2:11, Ecclesiastes 7:25

He lost sight of his purpose as the king to rule over God's people which caused him to spend a lot of time on discovering worldly things, and he teaches us that all he had done was vanity.

Ecclesiastes 9:18

Wisdom is able to accomplish more things than physical strength.

We must be mindful of Solomon's example and advice. Today as young Christians, we must have the same two things that Solomon had lacked during his reign. Humility and accountability (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) we must show a reverential fear before God where we fear God and keep his commandments.

His law will allow you to avoid all the pitfalls in life, and it is the only way to make sure you are safe from sin and its consequences.