

1 Kings 9:10-10:29

Having “It All” Isn’t Enough, Because Having “It All” Isn’t All “There Is”

Solomon’s Accomplishments 9:10-10:29

Impressive to human eyes...but they concealed his serious spiritual slide

Solomon’s Apostasy 11:1-11:43

Visible even to human eyes...and shocking to anyone with spiritual discernment

Solomon’s Aftermath 12:1-12:33

The powerful, prosperous nation splits and enters a slow/certain death spiral

The Spectacular (But Sad) Successes of Solomon 9:10-10:29

His Worldly Achievements 9:10-28

He had influence/clout with major regional leaders

He created great public works for the Nation of Israel

ONE VERSE ONLY: Solomon functioned as the visible religious leader of Israel

He even created a formal Navy for the Nation of Israel

His Widespread Fame 10:1-13

He was sought out for wisdom/counsel by rulers from faraway nations (the Queen of Sheba)

His Wondrous Wealth 10:14-29

He made \$100,000,000s annually through the functions of The Solomon Foundation

The Sadness Connected to the Successes of Solomon

And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, my heart found pleasure in all my works...then I considered all I had done...and behold ALL OF IT WAS VANITY and a striving after wind Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

Take This To Heart

If our central goal/highest desire in life is to “have it all” in some/many or even any categories of “worldly success” (including in religious/church circles) we are doomed to disaster:

Option 1: We will fail to achieve our goal(s)...convince ourselves to be miserable and probably “get mad” at God because we didn’t achieve OUR dreams/realize OUR earthly expectations.

Option 2: We will succeed and achieve our #1 goal(s)...and like Solomon sadly realize that by worshipping our goals (self) instead of God “having it all” isn’t enough to satisfy/fulfill.

God is Our Sovereign...Believers are His Servants

God is Not Our Success Consultant/Guarantor of Our Earthly Comfort/Success

Having it all now/on Earth isn't enough because having it all isn't all there is. We have been made for Someone and for Somewhere that is ultimately out of this world...so assuming that anyone/anything on Earth can ultimately satisfy/fulfill is incorrect and a spiritual dead end.