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**Solomon who lived a life that was not pleasing to the Lord**

Scripture to read: 1Kings 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter

When the Kings of other nations heard of how Solomon became richer and wiser than any other king on earth they were astonished. People from every nation came to consult him and to hear the wisdom God had given him. Many Kings who visited brought him gifts of silver and gold, clothing, weapons, spices, horses, and mules. When Solomon reached the height of his fame, he did not fear God and married many foreign women. The Lord had clearly warned him, “You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods.” But Solomon disregarded God’s command and married many women; Solomon built shrines for all his foreign wives Gods and burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. The Lord appeared to him twice and he had warned Solomon specifically about worshipping other gods, but Solomon did not listen to the Lord’s command.



Dear Ones, can you notice the difference in Solomon’s life in the beginning and later on. In the initial stage he gave heed to the word of God and obeyed him. Then later, in course of time when his wealth and his fame began to increase, he was no more in need of God. Do you know what happened to Solomon in the end? The Lord told in his anger, “I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your servants. This was the consequence because Solomon gave priority to the worldly things. Later he fell into the anger of the Lord and lost fellowship with him, and died without repenting and asking forgiveness for his sins. Children we should always give primary importance to God in our life. When you visit your friend’s house who is not saved and if you’re asked to worship their idols and participate in their pooja, you should not do so. Rather than pleasing your friend it is always good to please our father in heaven who created us and is the reason for our living.

**Whether it is favorable or unfavorable, we will obey the Lord our God, to whom we are sending you, so that it will go well with us, for we will obey the Lord our God.” Jeremiah 42:06**

**Prayer**

Our gracious loving Heavenly Father, thank you for blessing us with every good thing. Though we reach greater heights in our life, we will never forget our Lord Jesus Christ. It is through him everything came into existence. Amen

