



Deviation Escalation Dominion

King Solomon 1 Kings 3:1; 11:1-4; 11:6-7

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Objective Sentence: Everyone can avoid falling into sin by avoiding Solomon's decisions that caused him to fail God.

Introduction: King Solomon began his reign and ministry with a pure heart and motive but he made a terrible mistake, a concession which got him off track and living in sin (1 Ki. 3:1) Solomon loved the Lord, but he compromised his walk with God.

God grants Solomon's pure motive request for wisdom (1 Ki. 3:11) because you have asked for wisdom and not for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies. I will give you wisdom and also that which you did not ask: riches, fame and power over your enemies.

God exalted Solomon. Two prostitutes argued over a child, both claiming to be its mother. Solomon asked for a sword (1 Ki. 3:25), "Divide the living child in two, and give half to one and half to the other." The real mother conceded and gave up her rights to the child it could live. 1 Kings 3:28 says, "All Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to administer justice."

Initially, the blessing of the Lord continued to be poured out on Solomon in spite of the fact that he disobeyed Him. But the blessing did

not last. **1 Kings 4:29** God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.

#1. Deviation (**1 Ki.3:1** *Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh, and married one of his daughters.*)

A. Life Application Study Bible: *Marriage between royal families was a common practice in the ancient Near East because it secured peace. Although Solomon's marital alliances resulted in friendships and peace with the surrounding nations, they were also the beginning of his downfall.*

1. Compromise (**Eph. 6:13** *having done all to stand*)

- a. **Pastor Dan:** A little compromise is a big mistake.
- b. **Micheal Leahy:** Compromise is a killer that seems so innocent in the beginning. Yet when you compromise and do a small thing you know isn't right, it rarely stays small or ends there. It becomes easier and easier to choose the wrong path the next time around.
- c. **2 Cor. 6:14** Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God . As God has said, " I will dwell in them and walk among them. E will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord . Do not touch what is unclean and I will receive you." I will be a Father to you and you shall be My sons and daughters.
- d. **Eph. 4:27** do not give place to the devil
- e. **Ja. 4:7-8** submit yourself to God resist the devil ...
- f. **1 Pet.. 5:8** be sober, be vigilant because you adversary
- g. **Pastor Dan:** One never rises above the possibility of a fall.

h. Deut. 17:14-20 (Laws of the King) You are about to enter the land the LORD your God is giving you. When you take it over and settle there, you may think, ‘We should select a king to rule over us like the other nations around us.’¹⁵ If this happens, be sure to select as king the man the LORD your God chooses The king must not build up a large stable of horses for himself or send his people to Egypt to buy horses, for the LORD has told you, ‘You must never return to Egypt.’¹⁷ The king must not take many wives for himself, because they will turn his heart away from the LORD. And he must not accumulate large amounts of wealth in silver and gold for himself. When he sits on the throne as king, he must copy for himself this body of instruction on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.¹⁹ He must always keep that copy with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will learn to fear the LORD his God by obeying all the terms of these instructions and decrees.²⁰ This regular reading will prevent him from becoming proud and acting as if he is above his fellow citizens. It will also prevent him from turning away from these commands in the smallest way. And it will ensure that he and his descendants will reign for many generations in Israel

#2. Escalation (**1 Ki. 11:1-4** *Solomon loved many foreign women...and his wives turned away his heart after other gods*).

A. Warren W. Wiersbe : *Freedom does not mean I am able to do whatever I want to do. That's the worst kind of bondage. Freedom means I have been set free to become all that God wants me to be, to achieve all that God wants me to achieve, to enjoy all that God wants me to enjoy.*

1. Association (**Ro. 8:5** *they who live according to the flesh*)
a. Crandall Miller: What you feed grows; what you starve dies.

- b. **E. Stanley Jones:** Whatever gets your attention gets you. You are transformed into the image of that on which you habitually concentrate.
- c. **Unknown Author:** Association brings assimilation. You will assimilate the behavior with which you associate.
- d. **Pastor Dan:** You cannot put out a fire by putting wood on it.
- e. **Epictetus:** No man is free who is not master of himself.
- f. **Andrew Murray:** The one great hindrance—namely, the root from which all other hindrances have their beginning—is nothing less than our individual self, the hidden life of self with its varied forms of self-seeking, self-pleasing, self confidence and self-satisfaction.
- g. **Ben Franklin:** Little leaks sink big ships.
- h. **Ben Franklin:** Small strokes fell big oaks.

#3. Domination (1 Ki. 11:6-7 *Solomon's did evil in the sight of the Lord ... and built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon.*)

A. Howard Hunter: *If we will be true and faithful to our principles, committed to a life of honesty and integrity, then no king or contest or fiery furnace will be able to defeat or compromise us. For the success of the kingdom of God on earth, may we stand as witnesses for Him at all times and in all things, and in all places that we may be in, even until death.*

1. Bondage (Eph. 4:22 *that you put off concerning your former conduct the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.*)

- a. **Ro. 6:16** Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living

- b. *Spirit Filled Life Bible*: A person is a slave of that to which he gives obedience or that which he recognizes as his master. If he obeys commands of sin, then sin is his master and he is moving in the direction of death. If he obeys the commands of righteousness, then righteousness is his master, and he experiences true life.
- c. **John 8:31-32** If you continue in my word then you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.
- d. *Thalassios the Liban*: Our actions disclose what goes on within us, just as its fruit makes known a tree otherwise unknown to us.
- e. *Plato*: To conquer self is the best and noblest victory; to be vanquished by one's own nature is the worst and most ignoble defeat.
- f. *Thomas Brooks*: Satan promises the best, but pays with the worst; he promises honor, and pays with disgrace; he promises pleasure, and pays with pain; he promises profit, and pays with loss; he promises life, and pays with death. But God pays as He promises; all His payments are made with pure gold.
- b. *Martin Luther*: The devil seduces us at first by all the allurements of sin in order thereafter to plunge us into despair. He pampers up the flesh that he may by and by prostrate the spirit.

2. Judgment (1 Ki. 11:9 *so the Lord became angry with Solomon ... because you have done this ... I will tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant*)

- a. **Gal. 6:7-9** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.
- b. **Matt. 12:33-38** Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a

tree is known by *its* fruit. ³⁴ Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart^[a] brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. ³⁶ But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

- c. **2 Pet. 2:20-22** For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ they are gains entangled in them ...

Closing and Introduction: Heed the Warning: On Sunday April 14, 1912 the Titanic receives six warning messages from other ships in the mid-Atlantic reporting large icebergs. The Captain, Edward J. Smith, gives the third warning memo to J. Bruce Ismay, the President of White Star Lines, the company who owns the great ship. He puts the message in his jacket pocket and posted it five and one half hours later. All warnings go unheeded. At 11:40 P.M. Frederick Fleet spotted a black object in the path of Titanic and issues a cry by phone, "Iceberg right ahead!" Chief Officer William Murdoch yells "hard a-starboard" but the ship collides with the iceberg. There is no sound of a crash and most passengers hear only an unusual rattle. When told that they stuck an iceberg, no one seems concerned. Some passengers begin scooping up shavings from off the deck of the ship and have a snowball fight. At about 12:35 A.M. Captain Smith gives the order to load the lifeboats but no one listens. Lifeboat No.7, which seats 65, is finally lowered into the water with 28 people on board. Almost no one sensed the imminent peril. The band comes up from the lounge and plays cheerful ragtime music. People feel safe and secure. At 1:15 A.M. the bow begins descending into the cold dark waters. Suddenly, the grave danger is realized and the mood changes. The band begins playing Gospel hymns and people pray. Many panic. Shots are fired to keep the passengers from storming the lifeboats. When the people and crew finally realized their fate, it was too late.