

Flawed Characters Pt26 (Solomon Pt7)

ECCLESIASTES 1:16-18

16. I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

17. And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

18. For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

ECCLESIASTES 2:3

3. I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

ECCLESIASTES 2:9-11

9. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

10. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.

11. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA [58-0107]

Solomon was God's servant...

Scriptural order: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song Of Solomon

Chronological order (*Scofield*):

- Song of Solomon (1,014 B.C.) * the same year he prays for wisdom *
- Proverbs (1,000 B.C), * around the time the Queen of Sheba visits him *
- Ecclesiastes (977 B.C.) * around the time that I Kings 11 is written *

I KINGS 11:1-13

1. But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;
2. Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.
3. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.
4. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and **his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.**
5. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.
6. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.
7. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.
8. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.
9. And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,
10. And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.
11. Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.
12. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.
13. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

SEPARATION FROM UNBELIEF [55-0228]

Do you know, **the wisest man in the Bible outside of Christ died a heathen idolater** because of a bunch of pretty women? Solomon. Pulled him away from God. All right. Don't yoke yourself up unequally.

WHY LITTLE BETHLEHEM [63-1214]

...he went and backslid, died that way, backslid.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM [56-0428] ...finally died a backslider...

ADOPTION 4 [60-0522E]

Looky here. Old Saul, the old backslider, he could not get through to God, yet he wasn't lost. He certainly wasn't. He was a prophet, but he just got outside of God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [61-1015M]

The Spirit of God departed from him, but he wasn't lost. Sure he wasn't; the anointing went off of him.

HEBREWS CHAPTER SIX 2 [57-0908E]

I said, "You said, a while ago, you don't serve the Lord no more. You was just teasing me, wasn't you?"

He said, "No."

I said, "Brother Ramsey, you--you don't mean that."

He said, "Yes."

I said, "Don't you love Him?"

He said, "If I loved Him, I'd serve Him. Wouldn't I, Billy?" walked away.

DIVINE HEALING [54-1219M]

I said, "You believe Him?"

He said, "Oh, I believe Him, but I just don't serve Him. I quit." Said, "There's been so many things."

I said, "Brother Ramsey, don't look at things. Look at Him."

And he said, "Well, Brother Branham," he said, "I just don't serve the Lord, and I'd rather not talk about it."

I said, "Well, brother, God be with you, help you."

HEBREWS CHAPTER SIX 2 [57-0908E]

And he used to come to my house and we'd talk together, and we'd set there and weep and hold one another's hands; a real Christian.

DIVINE HEALING [54-1219M]

He was really born of the Spirit of God.

HEBREWS CHAPTER SIX 2 [57-0908E]

...he was a wonderful little brother, I believe, a God-saved man.

HEBREWS CHAPTER SIX 2 [57-0908E]

What happened? He took sick and died. That showed that he was a saved man. If God could not make him... bring him in obedience, He will have to take him out of the earth and bring him Home. That's exactly what the Bible said. That's what the Bible promises. If you won't stand correction, you've got to come on Home.

So God cannot lose you after He's saved you, but He can shorten your days here, and make you pay for every sin you've done. So, if you sin, you're going to have to pay for what you've done. Just remember that.

Now, now the Lord be with you. I believe, tonight, that Brother Ramsey was saved. Absolutely, I believe it. But he just wouldn't obey God, and when he wouldn't obey God, God had to bring him home. That's the only thing to do, because, what was it? "He would bring reproach and disgrace to the Blood wherewith he was sanctified with." That right? "And count the covenant an unholy thing," if that isn't just exactly what this Hebrew letter said. See? It would be impossible for him to be lost, but he would bring shame and disgrace, so God would have to take him off the earth and bring him Home. That's exactly what had taken place.

DIVINE HEALING [54-1219M]

...he went home. God took him off the earth. Yes, sir.

ECCLESIASTES 12:8-10

8. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.
9. And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.
10. The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.

ECCLESIASTES 12:13

13. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.