

**These Three Kings:
On the Life of King Solomon**
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"A Tragic Ending"
1 Kings 11

Introduction:

The reign of King Solomon is experiencing unprecedented success as his power and wealth grow beyond imagination. Just when it appears that there will be lasting peace and rest, everything changes due to the choices Solomon made.

Interpretation of the Story:

1. When we ignore God's _____,
negative _____ inevitably result.
2. _____ Defined:
3. _____ Defined:

Going Deeper

1. Why was it a big deal that Solomon married foreign women considering it was his right as the king?
2. Knowing that God had commanded him not to marry foreign women, why do you think that Solomon did it anyway?
3. Do you believe that God's commands are there for our good? Why or why not.
4. How is the phrase "however, man" a good definition of sin?
5. What are the specific things that take your focus off of God? What is the result in your life as your focus comes off of God and is put in other places?
6. Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord with all your heart, mind, and soul. Why is it essential to have complete commitment rather than partial? Is it possible?
7. How is the phrase "however, God" a good definition of grace? Take some time to describe what the grace of God is and how it affects your life.
8. Currently, where is your focus? What can you be doing to put your focus, your commitment, back on God?

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