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neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.” Solomon clung to these in love. ³ He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. ⁴ For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods,

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and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. ⁵ For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. ⁶ So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and did not wholly follow the LORD,

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as David his father had done. ⁷ Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. ⁸ And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods.

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⁹ And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice ¹⁰ and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods.

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But he did not keep what the LORD commanded. ¹¹ Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, “Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.

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¹² Yet for the sake of David your father I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. ¹³ However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chosen.”



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The Problem with Compromise

1. Wisdom

1 Kings 4:29-34

²⁹ And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, ³⁰ so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt.

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³¹ For he was wiser than all other men, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol, and his fame was in all the surrounding nations. ³² He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005.

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³³ He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of reptiles, and of fish. ³⁴ And people of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

The Problem with Compromise

1. Wisdom
2. Wealth
3. Women

The Problem with Compromise

We can live in one of two ways:

1. We can live under God's Wisdom according to His Word
2. We can seek our own wisdom:
“becoming wise in your own eyes”

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Pride leads to compromise.

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“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.”

-Ravi Zaccharias

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1. Wisdom
2. Wealth
3. Women
4. Worship

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Pride leads to compromise

Compromise is a matter of the heart

Deuteronomy 10:20, 11:1

10:20 You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear.

11:1 “You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.

The Problem with Compromise

Love never justifies sin, but sin reveals our true love.

“Disordered love leads always to misery and breakdown”

-Tim Keller

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Compromise leads to disobedience

1 Kings 11:3b-4

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Disobedience leads to destruction

1 Kings 11:5-8

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4 Prime things that always must be studied

1. Christ
2. The Scriptures
3. Our own hearts
4. Satan's Devices



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