God's Way Is Best

Greg Kline · 1 Kings 11:1–13

INTRODUCTION

- In 1 Kings chapter 11, we're going to see an underscoring of the news that God's way is best.
- Let's understand what it means to live as God has decreed.

1 Solomon Was Particularly Wise

1 Kings 3:1–12

- Solomon hit the intersection that each and every one of us do, and that's where … this is what I think I want, and this is what God has plainly said.
- Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil.
- He could have asked for glory, he could have asked for fame and riches, but in verse 9, he asked for not just wisdom, but the application of it.
- We see this is what wisdom is as biblically defined. The ability to discern right from wrong.

2 Solomon Had Been Given Unique Promises

1 Kings 2:1–4; 1 Kings 9:1–9

- Solomon had great wisdom. Solomon knew what God expected, and Solomon provided on what God had requested, fulfilling prophecy by creating and building the temple.
- Keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, … that you may prosper in all that you do.
- But if you turn aside from following me, you or your children, and do not keep my commandments and my statutes that I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them.
- He had been given direct promises by both David and God. If you will stick with God, he will bless you.

3 He Ignored and Violated God's Warnings

1 Kings 11:9–13

- He chose the women over God's decree.
- 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.
- I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.
- But Solomon knew it was true as well. He just loved the women more than God.
- He chose that I would rather have this than do what God has said.

4 He Is a Faithful God

Genesis 12; Hebrews 10:23–25; John 14

- Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
- Our service to God is predicated on our understanding that God is faithful.
- We need to know I can make it through this life because Jesus has promised and God is faithful.
- What if God was faithful to us? Like I was faithful to him this past year?
- We need to be faithful to God, like we want God to be faithful to us.

5 Adhere to God's Word Because His Wisdom Is Perfect

Proverbs 11:15; Proverbs 25:17; Ephesians 5:22–28

- Solomon made his bed because he went a different way from God's wisdom.
- God's word is beneficial to us even here and now, just to enjoy and get through this life.
- God's word is practical financially. We need to not spend more than we make.
- Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he have his fill of you and hate you.
- Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.
- We are responsible for the choices we make.

THE CHALLENGE

All of us here this morning would say that God's way is best, that God is faithful, and that God's wisdom is perfect. But do we live like it?

MY NOTES