

When a King leaves the Lord
1 Kings 11:9-10
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Thesis: I want to show how God treats leaders and their country.

Intro: 1. It is clear from history that God treats godly nations differently from the wicked.
2. What happens today when a leader will not lead as God desires?

I. Solomon abundantly blessed by God.

- A. God appeared to Solomon twice (**1 Kings 3:5, 1 Kings 9:2**)
 - 1. Solomon didn't just believe in God, he spoke to God on two occasions.
 - 2. Solomon should've been a shining example of faithfulness but it only lasted for a period of time.
- B. He was blessed by God giving him extraordinary wisdom (**1 Kings 4:29-30, 34**)
 - 1. God gave him knowledge that no one else like him had during his time.
 - 2. His "largeness of heart" meant he would be gentle and understand not cruel or harsh.

II. Solomon lured away from God by supporters of evil.

- A. Solomon disobeyed God (**1 Kings 11:1-3**)
 - 1. Solomon had wives from people who he was not to marry.
 - 2. Solomon had disobeyed God, he knew before hand the consequences of his actions and did what his new wives wanted him to do.
 - 3. Solomon's heart was changed by the new people in his life.
- B. Solomon did not heed God's warning (**1 Kings 9:4-7, 1 Kings 11:6**)
 - 1. Solomon was warned of what would happen if he walked away from God.
 - 2. God's warning was overpowered in Solomon's mind by the words of the women in his life.
- C. Look how far Solomon had fallen (**1 Kings 9:1-2**)
 - 1. We find Solomon here had built the house of the Lord.
 - 2. He loved God so much he worked diligently to build His house and God appeared to him here the second time.
 - 3. When a person is overcome by evil companions their fall from faithfulness can sometimes be swift.

III. Solomon is punished for his falling away.

- A. The kingdom is taken away from Solomon (**1 Kings 11:11**)
 - 1. As a result of Solomon's unfaithfulness he will lose his kingdom
 - 2. God is a keeper of his word.
- B. Solomon's love for God was not as it should have been (**1 Kings 11:6-10**)
 - 1. Solomon had allowed the words and no doubt the beauty of his wives sway his faithfulness.
 - 2. Solomon's turn from God was a result of not heeding the warning of God and not being willing to oppose his wives.

3. Solomon was a man of great wisdom (**1 Kings 4:29**) and he would now how to refute the words of the women in his life, but he did not.

IV. Lessons for us today.

- A. When we our leaders betray God there are consequences (**1 Kings 11:11**)
 1. Just like during Solomon's time, leaders who do not follow God will answer for their actions.
 2. Not only do they not follow God but they cause others to turn from God also.
- B. God will not bless a wicked nation with wicked leaders (**Pro 29:2, Ps 9:17**)
 1. No doubt about it, God blesses the people who are faithful to Him.
 2. Just as assuredly He will also punish those who are not following Him and who are encouraging others to do the same.

- Conc:
1. A nation with leaders who are opposed to God will face hardships.
 2. Thus, if we are to be a nation who is blessed we must follow god and remain faithful to Him.
 3. Full Invitation