

## THE DANGER OF A DIVIDED HEART

1 Kings 11

**Big Idea:** *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

<sup>1</sup> “Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, <sup>2</sup> from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the sons of Israel, “You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods.” Solomon held fast to these in love. <sup>3</sup> He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away. <sup>4</sup> For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been. <sup>5</sup> For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites. <sup>6</sup> Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not follow the Lord fully, as David his father had done. <sup>7</sup> Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon. <sup>8</sup> Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.”

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ to love Him with all our heart, soul, and strength.

Exodus 20:2-3 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before Me.

Proverbs 4:23 “Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it *flow* the springs of life.”

Revelation 2:2-4 “I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false; <sup>3</sup> and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.”

2. God \_\_\_\_\_ if we fail to love Him with all our heart, soul, and strength.

<sup>11</sup> “So the Lord said to Solomon, ‘Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant. <sup>12</sup> Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, *but* I will tear it out of the hand of your son.”

Galatians 6:7-8 “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

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