



The King | The Rise & Fall of Solomon
Week 4: How the Mighty Fall

1 Kings 11.1-13

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women. Besides Pharaoh's daughter, he married women from Moab, Ammon, Edom, Sidon, and from among the Hittites. The Lord had clearly instructed the people of Israel, "You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods." Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway. He had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines. And in fact, they did turn his heart away from the Lord.

In Solomon's old age, they turned his heart to worship other gods instead of being completely faithful to the Lord his God, as his father, David, had been. Solomon worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites. In this way, Solomon did what was evil in the Lord's sight; he refused to follow the Lord completely, as his father, David, had done.

On the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, he even built a pagan shrine for Chemosh, the detestable god of Moab, and another for Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites. Solomon built such shrines for all his foreign wives to use for burning incense and sacrificing to their gods.

The Lord was very angry with Solomon, for his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. He had warned Solomon specifically about worshipping other gods, but Solomon did not listen to the Lord's command. So now the Lord said to him, "Since you have not kept my covenant and have disobeyed my decrees, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your servants. But for the sake of your father, David, I will not do this while you are still alive. I will take the kingdom away from your son. And even so, I will not take away the entire kingdom; I will let him be king of one tribe, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, my chosen city."



for September 6

Weekly Need: \$2,700

Actual Given: \$3,262

Sunday School - 32

Attendance - 78



- Miley Thornbury (Marcia Conley's great granddaughter)
- Lawrence & Rita Johnson
- Johnson Family (Lawrence's brothers and family)
- Cathie Bloom (friend of Johnson's)
- Loretta McDonald
- Steve Cornett (Lori Higgs uncle)
- Marsha Baltzell (Guy Nichols sister)
- Joe Combs (Tonya Jones father)
- John Elliott (friend of Dan Millbourn)
- Susie Oakes (Janet Suttles mother)
- Elijah Rader (student of Diane Burks)

*Names are left on the prayer list for only three weeks; but if you wish for a name to remain longer, please let the office know. *If you would like a copy of the long term prayer list, please call or email the office and one will be sent to your email.*



MAHONING VALLEY
Christian Service Camp

**A Week of camp in One day
at Mahoning Valley!
Don't miss out on lots of fun!**

*Camp*tember for Middle School - 6th - 8th

September 19th, 10AM - 9PM

Register by September 10th

\$12 a person

*Camp*tember for High School - 9th - 12th

September 26th, 10AM - 10PM

Register by September 17th

\$12 a person

Go to www.mahoningvalley.org to get registered!



Church picnic

@ Mahoning Valley Camp
Sunday, September 20

The day will begin at 10:30AM with a worship service and continue after that with our annual church 'pitch-in' picnic.

*Please plan to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.
Meat and drinks will be provided.*



CAMPFIRE WORSHIP NIGHT

Sunday, October 4 @ 7PM