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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Gradually Being Pulled Away

1 KINGS 11:2 NKJV – (2) from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love.

1 KINGS 11:4 NKJV – (4) For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David. How satan got the best of Solomon with all his wisdom.

1 KINGS 11:9-10 NKJV – (9) So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD 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; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded.

Solomon, was the wisest man who ever lived. Why? When he was young, God spoke to Solomon in a dream, giving him a choice of what he would like. Solomon asked God for "*wisdom*". His fame spread far and near. The Queen of Sheba even went to see King Solomon. The Queen was amazed and history tells us that she took back to Africa some of King Solomon's principles of service to God. What an example of what could have happened to Israel! If only Israel had truly followed God, and given God the glory. God desired a nation of missionaries to the world. God wanted His special people to tell the world about His love. God also wanted Israel to live out that love so the world could see God's love in action!

But, Solomon began to glory in his own wisdom. Solomon was very smart. He became extremely rich. Solomon acquired many wives and had almost everything his heart could want. In time, Solomon woke up and saw the error of his ways. Read what he wrote when he came back to God, found in the book of "*Ecclesiastes*". Though he woke up, he experienced the consequences of rebelling against God. Just like Solomon, many of us believe we can handle anything. Yet, when we compromise God's teachings and values, we are gradually being pulled away from God. Read **1 KINGS 11:4** again (above) and how Satan got the best of Solomon with all of his wisdom. We can tag the Lords name to what we call Holiness, but just like Cain, many will experience rejection by God. Worship is a way of life!

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 14:15

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As you travel life's weary road, let Jesus lift your heavy load.

