

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for December 1, 2024

Sermon Notes

Your Cheating Heart

1 Kings 11 (pew Bible pgs. 291-293)

Is that a country song or God's accusation against Solomon? It's both. Solomon has left his first love and our God is a jealous God.

In one of Charles Schulz' Peanuts cartoon strips, he depicts Lucy and Linus sitting together while Lucy reads a story. Lucy from the book: "And so the King was granted his wish - everything he touched would turn to gold! Now, the next day..." At this point Linus jumps to his feet and exclaims: "Stop! You don't have to read any further! I know just what's going to happen." He walks away bemoaning, "These things always have a way of backfiring!"

That is what we see when we consider 1 Kings 1-11. As one commentator put it, "It sounds as if everything Solomon touches turns to wisdom, buildings, and gold." And then we come to Chapter 11, and we are now told of King Solomon's serious heart problems.

1. The Heart that God Desires (vs.1-13)

2. The Consequences for Sin that God Delivers (vs. 9-43)

3. The Hope that God Sustains (vs. 11-13, 31-39)

Applications for us today: _____

Sermon Reflection Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom...*"

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group or church family from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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DECEMBER

- 1 First Sunday of Advent
- 1 Christmas Decorating @ 12pm
- 3 BBA Pastor's Dinner @ WBC
- 4 Life Together @ 6:30pm
- 6-8 AHG PiPa Campout @ Mayo Park
- 7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ 7am
- 7 Trail Life Day Trip
- 11 Member's Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 15 Deacon Family Christmas Luncheon
- 15 Kid's Christmas Program @ 6pm