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King Solomon was one of Israel's preeminent kings in history, and was praised for his wisdom and achievements in building the temple. However, even such a wise king is not exempt from making mistakes. In the Bible account, we see that King Solomon was not perfect, and that some of his actions deviated from God's will.

First, marry a foreign wife and embrace paganism (9:24)

King Solomon followed many foreign wives and tolerated their worship of pagan idols, which was contrary to God's command. God had warned the Israelites not to marry people from other nations because their beliefs and customs would cause the Israelites to turn away from the true God. However, King Solomon did not listen to God, which led to himself and the nation stray from God's ways.

King Solomon's addiction to worldly pleasures and power led him to turn his heart away from God. He built ornate palaces and temples in pursuit of worldly glory and wealth, but neglected obedience and reverence for God. This pursuit of secularization eventually led to a loss of spiritual disorientation and guidance from God.

King Solomon's sins and disobedience to God led to the division and calamity of the kingdom of Israel. God said to King Solomon's seed, "But I will not take the kingdom out of your hand, for for for the sake of David your father I will give one tribe to your sons. (1 Kings 11:12) Although God kept a part of David's dynasty, King Solomon's sins still brought division and suffering to the nation.

Despite his extraordinary wisdom and building power, King Solomon also made the grave mistake of not obeying God's Word. His story reminds us that even the wisest and most powerful people can be lost, and true wisdom and blessings can only be attained by humility and obedience to God's will.

Be honest and upright

David was not a perfect man who sinned many times throughout his life. But he was "honest in heart" (Psalm 50:6) and immediately obeyed and repented of his sins as soon as he was enlightened by the Holy Spirit (Psalm 51:7–9). and confess his unworthiness, "calling blessed are those who are reckoned righteous by God apart from works" (Romans 4:6). Therefore, God still commends David for "walking before me in truth and uprightness."

Maintaining honesty and integrity is a vital part of the Christian life because it reflects our obedience to God and respect for others. An honest and upright heart means that we remain truthful and impartial at all times, no matter what temptations or difficulties we face.

First, an honest and upright heart is built on trust and fear of God. We believe that God is the source of truth, and He asks us to follow His ways, in harmony with His truth. Therefore, our actions and words should be consistent with God's teachings, both in private and in public.

Second, an honest and upright heart shapes our relationships with others. By being honest and upright, we build trust and respect, which are the cornerstones of healthy relationships. We do not deceive others, we do not bully the weak, but we show God's love and mercy by treating everyone with love and justice.

In addition, an honest and upright heart is also the key to self-growth and character building. When we are honest about our mistakes and shortcomings, we can truly grow and improve ourselves. Honesty and integrity allow us to constantly examine our actions and motives to ensure that they are in line with God's will and to strive to be what He wants us to be.

Finally, an honest and upright heart brings inner peace and joy. When we know that we are true and upright before God, we are able to enjoy the peace and joy that comes from Him, and we are able to face it safely no matter what happens around us.

Therefore, let us always maintain an honest and upright heart, not only for our own well-being, but also to demonstrate God's glory and be His witnesses in this world.

We pray

Father God,

Before you, we humbly come to your throne and ask you. Today, we ask You to give us the heart of uploading integrity and making us pure and honest people in Your eyes.

Help us to be truthful and impartial at all times, both in word and deed. May your inspiration move us so that our hearts are clear and free from worldly temptations and sins. Ask your Holy Spirit to guide us so that we follow your path in every decision and choice and not stray in the direction of truth.

Help us build a genuine relationship with you and others, and let us treat everyone with love and compassion. May we be your loving representatives, preaching your truth and mercy, so that the world may glorify your name for our deeds.

Lord, shape our character so that we can be honest about our faults and shortcomings and strive to improve ourselves. Let Your love and grace fill our lives and let us feel Your peace and joy at all times.

Lord, be your glory, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Take away the daughter of Pharaoh in my heart, and let me devote myself to loving Thee with all my heart, and put away my false godliness, and walk in Thee with truth and uprightness, Thou art my God, and all my good is not apart from Thee, and thank Thou for not recompensing us according to my iniquities and transgressions, and afflicting us, for Thou art a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, and

abundant in love, thanksgiving and praise Thee. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen

## 1 Kings 9

9:1 Solomon built the house of Yahohua and the royal palace, and finished all that he wished.

9:2 And Jehovah appeared to Solomon twice, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon,

9:3 And said unto him, Whatever thou hast prayed unto me, I have answered. I have sanctified this temple which you have built, that my name will be in it forever. and my eyes and my heart will always be there.

9:4 If thou wilt follow the example of thy Father David and walk before me with sincerity and uprightness, and do all that I command thee, and keep my statutes and ordinances,

9:5 I will establish your kingdom in Israel unto eternity, just as I should have said to your father David that your children will never be seated in Israel.

9:6 But if you and your children turn away from following me, and do not keep the commandments and statutes which I have commanded you, and serve and worship other gods,

9:7 Then I will cut off the Israelites from the land which I have given them, and I will forsake the temple which I have set apart for my name, and the Israelites will be mocked and conspired against among all the peoples.

9:8 And though this house be very high, they that pass by shall be astonished, and will laugh, and say, Why did Yahweh do this to this land and this house?

9:9 They will answer that it is because the people of this land have forsaken their gods, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, Yahweh and their gods, and have come near to other gods, and have served and worshipped them, wherefore Jehovah hath brought upon them all this calamity.

9:10 Solomon built the temple and the palace of Yahohua , which took 20 years to complete.

9:11 (Hiram king of Tyre provided him with cedar wood, pine wood, and gold, as Solomon had requested) King Solomon gave Greece twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

9:12 When Hiram came out of Tyre and looked at the cities that Solomon had given him, he was not pleased.

9:13 And he said, My brother, what town hast thou given me? And he called the name of the place of this city Capulech, and he continues to this day.

9:14 And Hiram gave Solomon a hundred and twenty talents of gold.

9:15 King Solomon chose the obedient men to build the house of Yahweh, and his own house, and Mero, and the walls of Jerusalem, and Sham, and Megiddo, and the colors.

9:16 Pharaoh, king of Egypt, came up and took Ges, burned them with fire, and slew the Canaanites who lived in the city, and gave the city to the wife of his daughter, Lomon.

9:17 Solomon building the base of the building, Beth-Horam,

9:18 Barak and Damo in the wilderness of the kingdom ,

9:19 and built all the cities of the store, and the cities of the wagons and the horses, and Jerusalem, and Lebanon, and all the kingdom which he ruled as he wished.

9:20 As for the remaining Amorites, the Hittites, the Bilizites, the Grevites, and the Jebusites, who were not Israelites in the land,

9:21 Even the Israelites could not be destroyed, and Solomon chose their descendants to be slaves to this day.

9:22 But the Israelites were not made slaves by Solomon, but as his warriors, and as servants, and as commanders, and captains of armies, and captains of chariots, and captains of horses.

9:23 Solomon had five hundred and fifty overseers and overseers.

9:24 Pharaoh's daughter moved from David to the palace that Solomon had built for her. At that time, Soromon built Melo.

9:25 Three times a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar he had built for Yahwah, and burned incense on the altar before Yahwah. In this way, his work of building the temple was completed.

9:26 King Solomon built ships near Ezeng-Gabel of Elul on the Red Sea in the east of Edom.

9:27 Hiram sent his servants, who were well acquainted with the seas, to sail with the servants of Solomon .

9:28 And they came to Ophi, and from there they got four hundred and twenty talents of gold, and they brought them to King Solomon.

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Some important verses from 1 Kings 9:

9.1-9: God appears to Solomon, confirms his prayers and sacrifices, and warns him. God told Solomon that if he and the Israelites obeyed God's laws and regulations, they would continue to receive God's blessings and guidance, but if they violated God's laws and regulations, they would be punished and punished by God.

9.10-28: Deals and alliances between Solomon and King Hiram of Tyre, including Solomon's provision of food and building materials to Hiram in exchange for Hiram's ships and men to help build Israel's port cities and ships.

9.26-28: Solomon and Hiram jointly build a large ship to carry goods from Israel to other countries and to bring back valuable goods from other countries.

These verses describe how God warned Solomon and told him how he would continue to receive God's blessing and guidance, as well as the alliance and dealings between Solomon and King Hiram of Tyre. These events reflect the

international trade and political environment of Solomon's time, as well as the relationship between Israel and neighboring countries. At the same time, these verses emphasize the importance of God's guidance and blessings for the Israelites and their leaders, as well as the importance of maintaining a relationship with God.

First Kings 9 deals with God's promises and warnings to Solomon. After the dedication of the temple, God appeared to Solomon and promised him that if he kept God's commandments and remained pure-minded, his kingdom and royal family would be established forever. However, God also warned Solomon of the serious consequences if he and his descendants deviated from God's commandments. Here are the main ideas of this chapter and what you can learn from reading it:

Central:

The central idea of this chapter is to expound God's promises and warnings to Solomon. When the temple was consecrated, God appeared to Solomon and promised that if he kept and obeyed God's commandments, his kingdom and royal family would be established forever. At the same time, God warned that he and his descendants would be severely punished if they deviated from God's commandments.

After reading it, you will get:

Faithful obedience to God: God's promises and blessings to Solomon were based on his obedience and faithfulness to God. This reminds us how important it is to be obedient to God's will in our faith life so that we can be blessed and protected by God.

Learn from history: God's warnings also remind us to learn from history. If Solomon and his descendants deviated from God's commandments, they would face consequences. This admonishes us to be vigilant and avoid repeating the mistakes of the past and to seek truth and faithfulness in God's ways.

God's faithfulness and justice: God's promises and warnings demonstrate God's faithfulness and justice. God promises blessings to those who are faithful and obedient, but He also does justice to those who turn away from Him. This gives us a deep understanding that God is a righteous and faithful God, and that His promises and warnings to us are true and reliable.

Faith Passed Down from Generation to Generation: In this chapter, God mentions that if Solomon and his descendants faithfully obey God's commandments, the nation and royal family will be established forever. This reminds us that the importance of faith is not just about the individual, but about things that are passed down from generation to generation. Our loyalty and obedience have a profound impact on future generations.

Overall, 1 Kings 9 presents God's promises and warnings to Solomon, emphasizes the importance of obedience to God's will, and reminds us to learn from history and watch our faith awakely for generations to come. At the same time, it also shows God's righteous and faithful nature, and we can trust God's promises, but at the same time, we must fear God's warnings and turn away from God's ways.