CHAPTER 13
The King Who Had It All
I KINGS 1-8, 10-11 &
II CHRONICLES 5-7

THE STORY

Introduction
It’s not how you start.
It’s not if you stumble in the middle.
It’s how you finish that matters.
Solomon started well, but finished poorly.
What does it take to walk with God
and finish well?

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I. Walk in Humility.
I KINGS 2-3

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Solomon showed humility in his early days as the King of Israel.
Solomon asked for a wise and discerning heart to govern God’s people.
Solomon’s wisdom is tested by two women who come to him, each claiming
the same baby is their own.
Solomon’s wisdom and fame grew.
The challenge for us is to stay humble and teachable.

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II. Walk in Wisdom.
I KINGS 4, 10 and
PROVERBS 3

David gave this charge to Solomon “walk in his ways and keep his decrees and commands.”
I Kings 2:2-4
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Solomon’s wisdom grew in all areas.  I Kings 4:29-34
Solomon’s wisdom was a gift from God.

Solomon is the author of three books in the Bible.
- Proverbs – gives wisdom for life.  Proverbs are short pithy statements of truth.  See Proverbs 3:1-10
- Ecclesiastes – looks at the meaning of life.  Solomon’s conclusion: “Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.”  Ecclesiastes 12:13
- Song of Songs – celebrates the beauty of marital love.  “Love is as strong as death.  It burns like a blazing fire, like a mighty flame (like the very flame of the Lord.)”  Song of Songs 8:6

Solomon was also a builder.  He built:
- The Temple.
- Alliances
- Bureaucracy and government
- Cities and stables

When Solomon dedicated the Temple, he
promised God that he had done it for the glory of God. 1 Chronicles 22:19

When Solomon completed the Temple, he dedicated it to God and the Lord appeared to him once again.

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”  II Chronicles 7:13-14

Solomon’s wisdom and wealth continued to grow.  I Kings 10
Sadly, wisdom isn’t the same as obedience.

III. Walk in Obedience.
I KINGS 11
As Solomon grew old, his 700 wives turned his heart away to worship idols. “His heart was not fully devoted to the Lord.” 1 Kings 11:4

The Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart was divided. Because his heart was divided, his kingdom divided too.

What went wrong?
“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the well spring of life.” Proverbs 4:23

Conclusion
If the wisest man who ever lived failed, what about us? If we are to finish well we need to:
- Walk in Humility.
- Walk in Wisdom.
- Walk in Obedience.

It’s not how you start. It’s not if you fall in the middle. It’s how you finish that matters. Finish well!