

Devotional from Pastor Ho
October 22, 2020

1 Kings 9:4-5, *“And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’”*

Last week we considered how the Lord consecrated the temple that Solomon built by putting his name there forever. This week we are going to meditate on what the Lord said subsequently, enjoining Solomon to walk before him by doing “according to all that I have commanded you,” adding that if you “do not keep my commandments and my statutes that I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, then I will cut off Israel from the land that I have given them...” (verses 6-7).

Two chapters later, we are told that the Lord was angry with Solomon, whose heart had turned away from the Lord. He loved his foreign wives and they turned away his heart, so that it was not wholly true to the Lord. As a result, the Lord tore his kingdom from him, giving only one tribe to his son, until the kingdom was eventually wiped out by the Babylonians in 586 BC.

Only about 600 years later, when the greater Son of David and Solomon came, did we see in Jesus a Person who did according to all that God has commanded him, saying, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work” (John 4:34). It was also Jesus who at the end of his earthly ministry commissioned us to teach the disciples to observe “all that I have commanded you” (Matt 28:20).

This should not be surprising because even in the very beginning in the Garden, Adam and Eve had to abide by God’s command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen 2:17). To walk before God is to live according to all that he has commanded, but Jesus has done that on our behalf to make our yoke easy and our burden light (Matt 11:30) through the indwelling of his Spirit. Living according to all that he has commanded now becomes a joy rather than a burden (John 14:15).

Prayer: Lord, thank you for giving us the commandments to live by, but also enabling us to do so through your Son and your Spirit. Amen.

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兩章後，我們被告知耶和華向所羅門發怒，因為所羅門的心偏離耶和華。他寵愛許多外邦妃嬪，而她們誘惑他的心，以至不誠誠實實地順服耶和華。結果是，主必將他的國分裂，只留一支派給他的兒子，直到主前 586 年巴比倫人最終就殲了這個國家。

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禱告：主啊，感謝你給我們生活的命令，也讓我們能夠通過你的兒子和靈來做遵守你的命令。阿們。

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