

Study QUESTIONS

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Ep. 1271: Am I Throwing Away My Life's Greatest Privilege? (Part I)

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1. Describe the downfall of Solomon's reign. Give the timeline and describe the events of God's punishment for Solomon's turning away. What was the privilege God gave Solomon? As a result, what was his responsibility? How did he fail on the accountability of this privilege? (See 1 Kings 11:1-13)
2. Who was Jeroboam? How did he gain recognition under Solomon? How do we know he was a man of integrity? What did the prophet Ahijah tell Jeroboam? What was Jeroboam's great privilege? What was the condition attached to this privilege? (See 1 Kings 11:28-38)
3. Who was Rehoboam? What great privilege was he given at age 41? What was Rehoboam's part in Ahijah's prophecy? How does this show God's "generational mercy" here? How did David show loyalty to God even in his imperfection? Explain how Rehoboam would have been aware of King David's example. (See 1 Kings 11:31-34)
4. What was the petition the northern tribes had Jeroboam present to King Rehoboam? Was it reasonable? What did they promise if the new king acted on their petition? Describe the counsel of Solomon's elder advisors and why they said what they did. If Rehoboam chose to follow this advice, what was the likely future of the kingdom? (See 1 Kings 12:1-7)
5. If we choose to take on Jesus' yoke, what does he promise us in Matthew 11:28-30? What comes as "standard equipment" when we are called by God to walk in Jesus' footsteps?
6. What was the advice given to King Rehoboam by his young friends? Might they have had agendas other than serving the people of Israel? Why do you think they gave this advice? What is "advice shopping"? What would King David likely have done in Rehoboam's place? (See 1 Kings 12:8-11)
7. How did King Rehoboam answer the northern tribes under Jeroboam's representation? What was the result for the nation? Explain the four "failures of the foolish king," relating them to Proverbs 3:1-12. How does Proverbs 3 apply to us? What must we keep in mind with our privileges? (See 1 Kings 12:12-15)
8. How does King Rehoboam treat his position of privilege before God? What is the lesson for us? How did the northern tribes react to King Rehoboam's proclamation? Why did Rehoboam send Adoram to handle the rebellion in the north? What happened? (See Isaiah 14:14, 1 Kings 12:16-20)
9. What was King Rehoboam's next step? Who stopped this step? List the instructions from God given in 1 Kings 12:22-24. Why did God stop the attack? How do we explain whether Rehoboam had a choice in what he did? (See 1 Kings 12:21-24)
10. Explain what "This thing is from Me" means to you in your life's walk with Christ. What could the "things" be? How does God use your failures? Are you in any way throwing away your life's greatest privilege? (See 1 Kings 12:24, Jeremiah 17:7)