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SOLOMON



1 Kings 11:1-6

1 King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. 2 They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. 3 He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. 4 As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. 5 He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. 6 So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done.

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1. Was Loved by God

God gave Him Wisdom | 1 Kings 3:12

I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

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1. Was Loved by God

God Found Favor in Him | 2 Samuel 12:24b-25

She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The Lord loved him; 25 and because the Lord loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.

Jedidiah means loved by the Lord.

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1. Was Loved by God

- A. God Gave Him Wisdom
- B. God Found Favor in Him
- C. God Gave Him the Honor to Build the Temple
- D. God Used Him To Teach The Church
 - Proverbs & Ecclesiastes

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2. When did Solomon lose His Love?

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2. When did Solomon lose His Love? Prosperity & Riches Increased

Deuteronomy 8:10-11 | When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

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2. When did Solomon lose His Love? After Multiple Warnings

1 Chronicles 28:9 | 9 “And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and *serve him with wholehearted devotion* and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

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1 Kings 9:6-8 | 6 “But if you or your descendants turn away from me and do not observe the commands and decrees I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will cut off Israel from the land I have given them and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. Israel will then become a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. 8 This temple will become a heap of rubble.

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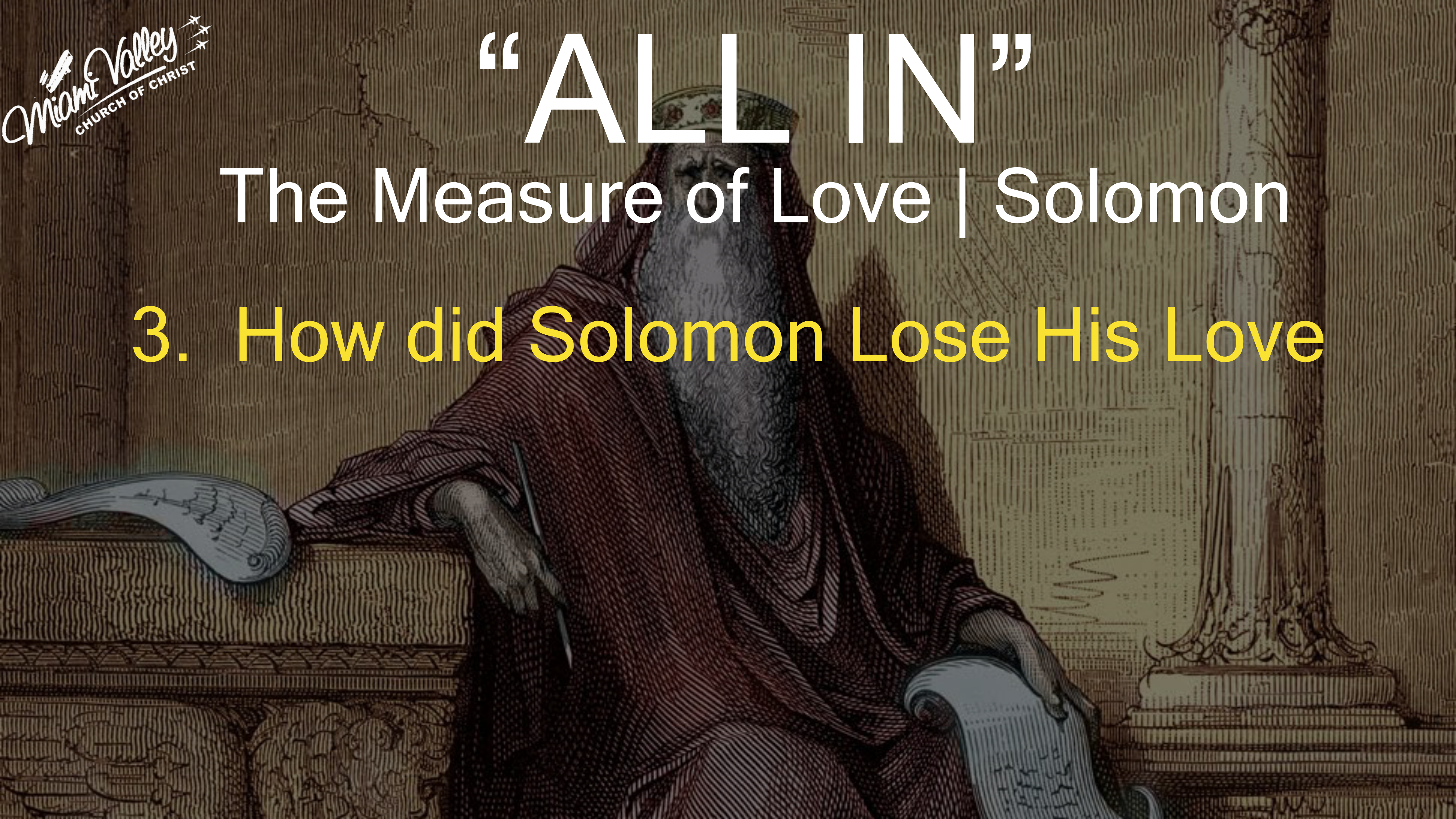
1 Kings 8:23 | “Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

Proverbs 29:1 | Whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy.

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3. How did Solomon Lose His Love



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1 Kings 11:2c | “Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love.”

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4. What happen when Solomon Lost His Love

A. He left a legacy of idolatry and sin to his children

1 Kings 11:7-8 | 7 On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. 8 He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods.

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4. What happen when Solomon Lost His Love

A. He left a legacy of idolatry and sin to his children

B. His sin remained for 300 years

2 Kings 23:13 The king also desecrated the high places that were east of Jerusalem on the south of the Hill of Corruption—the ones Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the vile goddess of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the vile god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the people of Ammon.

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4. What happen when Solomon Lost His Love

C. Solomon's lack of love hurt and angered God

1 Kings 11:9-13 | The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. 10 Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the Lord's command. 11 So the Lord said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates. 12 Nevertheless, for the sake of David your father, I will not do it during your lifetime. I will tear it out of the hand of your son. 13 Yet I will not tear the whole kingdom from him, but will give him one tribe for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."

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1 Corinthians 10:11-13 | 11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind.

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1. How has God blessed you?
2. How has he shown his special love, his grace to you?
3. Are you responding by going “All-In” or has your love been compromised?
4. What is it that is dividing your heart?
5. Do you know how that makes God feel?

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So What do we do?

1. Count your blessings. How has God shown his love for you?
2. Cut out your competing loves
3. Go “All-In” for God