FADING OR FINISHING? 1 KINGS 10-11 | ERIC SIMPSON | AUGUST 1, 2021



1945 Youth for Christ rallies - Chuck Templeton, Bron Clifford, Billy Graham





Solomon spent 7 years building the temple and 13 years building his palace.

1 Kings 10:1-3

1 When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relation to the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. 2 Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan-- with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stonesshe came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. 3 Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her

1 Kings 10:6-7

6 She said to the king, "The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. 7 But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard.

1 Kings 10:23-24

King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. The whole world sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart.

1 Kings 11:1-3

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.

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 Molech 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.

"Men past forty
Get up nights
Look out at city lights
And wonder why life is so long
And where they made the wrong turn." – Ed Sissman

How does that happen?

When enough is never enough

monster of more

Luke 12:15

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

More possessions, more power, more pleasure, more approval, more accomplishments, more attention...etc.

When you're doing (or about to do) the very thing you vowed you'd never do

"Beware of no man more than yourself; we carry our worst enemies within us."

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Billy Graham passed away on February 21, 2018 at the age of 99.

- Faithfully preached Christ for 70 years to 215 million people in 185 countries.
- His casket was handcrafted by inmates from the Louisiana State Penitentiary (Angola Prison).
- He had one request for the casket, a simple cross on the top—"because the only explanation for my life is that cross."

