

SERMON OUTLINE

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Sunday Morning 1/25/09

Lessons from Rehoboam

- I. Learning from the Past**
 - A. The Old testament gives us many great life lessons
 - B. King Rehoboam teaches us many needed lessons about life
- II. Historical Connection**
 - A. Rehoboam was the son of Solomon, took over the throne at age 41, began after great economic growth in Israel (931 b.c.) – 1 Kings 10:16-17,21, began at a decline spiritually.
 - B. Solomon's reign put a great strain on the nation (1 Kings 12:4)
 - C. Idolatry was also introduced by Solomon -kingdom to be torn away
- III. Lessons from Rehoboam**
 - A. Can a King Serve?
 1. The problem: 1 Kings 12:4-5 – lighten the load for us
 2. The Solution: (a) The counsel of the wise: 1 Kings 12:7 – serve them, (b) The counsel of the selfish: 1 Kings 12:8-10 – from those who served him –think of yourself-you are KING!
 3. The Result:
 - a. Did not listen to the people: 1 Kings 12:15
 - b. Division was the result
 4. Lesson: Do we serve God or self??? Mark 10:45; Philipians 2:8
 - B. The Impact of Compromise
 1. Solomon's reign: 1 Kings 11:4-8 – His compromise
 2. Others influenced (people?): 1 Kings 11:33 – “they”
 3. Rehoboam's reign: 1 Kings 14:23-24
 4. Riches leave - Life is devalued: 1 Kings 14:25-27
 5. Lesson: Decisions come at a price - willing to pay? 2 Chr 12:8
 - C. The Effects of Division
 1. It is hard to go back: 1 Kings 12:16-19 – He tried to keep it together but could not do it.
 2. Arrogance often causes division – the line is drawn!
 3. Results:
 - a. Next time we'll look at Jeroboam – Took advantage of his fortune and did evil.
 - b. Sacrifice required: 2 Chronicles 11:13-17 – some people had to make some difficult decisions, sacrifices.
 - c. From then on – the nation is separated.
 4. Lesson: Division is ugly - 1 Cor 11:19 – don't be the source