

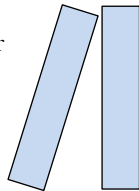
The slippery slope

1 Kings 11:1-25

What's the best way to fall away?

1) Ignore the warning

“Surely they will turn your heart after their gods” (v2)

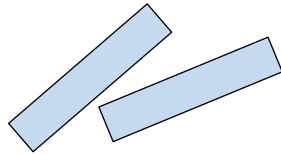


2) End up in worse sin

“his wives turned away his heart” (v4)

“his wives turned away his heart after other gods” (v5)

“his heart had turned away from the LORD” (v9)



3) Make God angry

‘the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORD’ (v9)

APPLICATION

Use the *Who am I?* Tool

If Solomon is me...

‘In those days also I saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and they could not speak the language of Judah, but only the language of each people. And I confronted them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair. And I made them take an oath in the name of God, saying, “You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves. Did not Solomon king of Israel sin on account of such women? Among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, foreign women made even him to sin. Shall we then listen to you and do all this great evil and act treacherously against our God by marrying foreign women?”’ (Nehemiah 13:23-27)

Because Solomon was the king ...

a) Because of a bad king the nation is torn apart

“I will surely tear the kingdom from you” (v11)

b) Because of a gracious God, the kingdom is preserved

“for the sake of David” (v12, v13, v32, v34)

COFFEE QUESTIONS

- 1) What would be the devil's best chance at turning your heart away from the LORD?
- 2) How does the faithfulness of King Jesus (in contrast to fickle King Solomon) give you confidence that you will keep going?