

Some Mistakes of Great Men

Introduction: Romans 15:4, 1 Corinthians 10, - lessons
for today from actions of yesterday.

#1. Solomon

1 Kings 15:20 - forgetting the Word of God and the direction
for kingship 1 Kings 11 preferred pleasures rather than

#2. Eliphaz - misunderstanding of God's work - not the
only one left. 1 Kings 19:10, 18

#3. Jonah - sought to change God's mind
1:3, 4:2

#4. Elzebar - assumed a partner not his
2 Chronicles 26:16

#5. John the Baptist - yielded slightly to circumstances
Matthew 11:3

We are not imitating these great persons but
from them we learn important aspects of
life that make a ~~big~~ huge difference ~~to~~
in our approach to work, activities, and service

I. Introduction

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A. Greeting

B. N.T. text: Romans 15:4, 1 Corinthians 10:1-12

C. The words: learn from the past...

D. Today's question

II Discussion: Solomon: the mistake: forgetting the Word of God.

A. Brief sketch of life

Bath-Sheba = years 1-2

B. His prayers... 1 Kings 3:5; 1 Kings 8

C. His wisdom 1 Kings 3:1

His wisdom 1K 3

The temple

His life 1K 11:1-35

D. The error: He forgot the Word...

1K 17-17 35.

1K 3:14

E. And in our age...

III Conclusion: Return to the Word of God

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An Introductory Note: Our background Scripture is found in Romans 15:4 and 1 Corinthians 10. These stress lessons from yesterday in the hope that they will aid us in the present. We are not "picking" on people but noticing errors and attitudes that did not help the work of God. I will fill in the Scripture for you as we go....but maybe you can determine it for yourself and, in the long run, that would be better for all of us.

1. *SOLOMON*.....forgetting the Word of God and the particular assignment of duty.
2. *ELIJAH*.....underestimating God's work....he was not the only one left after all.
3. *JONAH*.....seeking to change God's mind!
4. *UZZIAH*.....assuming a position tht was not his!
5. *JOHN THE BAPTIST*.....slightly leaning to circumstance!

In Summary: WE are not demeaning these great servants of the Lord. From them we learn important aspects of life that make a huge difference in the approach to our witness, worship, and service.