



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 073- The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (Part One) 1 Kings 3-10

The *hit list* David left for Solomon, and which Solomon carried out in the early years of his reign, is confusing and sounds like it could hardly be God-fearing. Each of the four men on the list was a definite threat to the unity of Israel during Solomon's reign. If you read carefully, you will see that Solomon gave each of them the chance to live peacefully in his kingdom, but each one disobeyed. They crossed the line and did something that made them fall under the king's wrath.

Consider how Jesus Christ has given us a way to live peacefully in His Kingdom. But those who rebel against Him and walk away from faith will face certain judgment.

- Read the parable Jesus told in Luke 19:11-27. How similar is Jesus' attitude toward rebels to Solomon's attitude toward these four rebels?

Solomon was given discernment and great wisdom and his fame spread throughout the world. Jesus also demonstrated great wisdom and used His might and power to spread His Kingdom around the world—defeating death, sin, hell and the devil to do so.

- Discuss various ways we can spread Jesus' message and Kingdom around the world today.
- What works best in *your* world?

Solomon's greatest claim to fame was the temple he built. It was destroyed by the Babylonians, and a second temple was built by the exiles who returned (see the book of Ezra). After Jesus cleansed this second temple He said, "... Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19b). Since a temple was a place where people could meet God and hear Him, Jesus was comparing His body to the temple, claiming He would raise to life three days after they had destroyed His body on the cross.

- In what ways are those who believe in Jesus temples of God?
- Why is forming genuine relationships with other people so important for our Christian witness?



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