

God disciplines those he loves

1 Kings 11:11-43; Hebrews 12:4-11

- I. God disciplined unrepentant Solomon (1 Kings 11:11-43)
 - A. God told Solomon the kingdom would be taken from his sons because of his sin (11:11-13).
 - B. God raised up enemies to plague Solomon (11:14-26)
 - 1. From the south – Hadad the Edomite (14-22)
 - 2. From the North – Rezon the Aramean (23-25).
 - 3. From within – Jeroboam from the tribe of Ephraim (26-28).
 - C. God told Jeroboam he was giving him 10 tribes (11:29-40).
 - D. Solomon died – apparently unrepentant (11:41-43; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

- II. God disciplines his children today (Proverbs 3:11-12; Hebrews 12:4-11).
 - A. God disciplines us because he loves us and wants to help us (Hebrews 12:4-6).

Forms of discipline

- 1. **Verbal** communication (instruction & rebuke)
- 2. **Natural** Consequences – Allowed to happen
- 3. **Logical** Consequences – Designed to happen
- 4. **Corporal (bodily) punishment** – Painful/Abrupt consequences

- B. God's discipline is designed to bring our repentance (Hebrews 12:7-9).
- C. God desires our best – the blessings of a godly life produced by discipline (Hebrews 12:10-11)