

1 Kings 9-10

Well good evening church.

This is different for sure, but praise God we have the technology to get God's Word out and continue to be spiritually fed.

I miss all of you... Last Sunday, when Pastor Jason sent that Children's Video out, I think the reality hit big time how important it is for the Body of Christ to come together.

I looked at Jess and she was just weeping, as she said, "I miss our church."

But we will get through this, please make it a point to call one another often, to message each other, even video chat with your brothers and sisters.

There is really no telling how long this new normal will be, but one thing is for sure, things will be different from here on out.

The church has historically adapted to its environment.

When it is persecuted, it meets in hideouts and basements, when natural disaster hits, it gathers under any canopy, and as we are finding out, when pandemics hit, we meet online.

Nothing can stop us from worshipping our God.

We have a wonderful opportunity in all of this to share God's Word with our many online friends, YouTube makes it easy to share each teaching, you can put it on

your Facebook, Twitter, or you can text it, and even email the teaching, and our reach can be great during this time.

It is wonderful that our State Officials have made church livestreams part of the essential work force, and we will be able to continue in this format as we wait for all this to end.

Understand, our office is open during the week, if you need prayer or ministry please call and let us know.

The pastors have been working diligently to get food to those in our church who need it.

I want to encourage you to use every opportunity to reach out to your neighbors and those in the Body who need assistance.

We have a neighbor that just keeps blessing us, she keeps dropping off groceries and water, and even one day brought us Starbucks.

It is such a blessing, to get these unexpected drop-offs.

We too are looking for opportunities to bless others as well.

Now, as Pastor Joe mentioned on Sunday, our house is getting a little tighter, we were recently placed with another child, a 9 year-old little girl, and it has been a challenging adjustment, and at the same time a great blessing to our family.

I spent the last week helping Jess manage through our country's shut down and the big change in our home.

I had intentions to rest during that time, and I found out that Jess works harder in our home than anything like I have ever seen.

There is no rest for that woman, and I hold her to the highest esteem as she is now raising six littles under 10 years old.

They kept me pretty busy last week.

I wanted to update you, so you didn't think I was quarantined or anything.

I should be at the pulpit from here on out, although the other pastors did very well in teaching God's Word, and no matter what, understand someone should be here to teach.

So with all that said, let's pray, and then we will get into God's Word tonight...

Please open up your Bibles to 1 Kings Chapter 9 we will be studying through chapter 10 tonight as Solomon's story starts to come to a close.

Remember Solomon had succeeded David's throne, and remember it was through a hurried emergency ceremony as his brother was trying to make his own claim to the throne.

Solomon spent his early reign ridding the kingdom of all the trouble makers that his father David warned him about.

It was early on in Solomon's reign that he received his first encounter with God, during a worship time at Gibeon.

There God appeared to him in a dream and offered him the great gift of wisdom.

And it was there that Solomon was also assured riches, honor and a long life, as long as he walked as his father David had walked with the Lord.

There has now been around 24 years since that encounter with God, and it seems Solomon had started making some erroneous decisions in regards to his walk with God.

Solomon had reached a great pinnacle in building the Temple to his God, but much of that was really in David's heart, and it was David who left it to Solomon to complete.

As we will see tonight, Solomon's heart was dramatically set on this world, and he will compromise on his faith.

His father's faith was not enough to carry Solomon, he needed his own faith, and Solomon, a man who was given a greater advantage and opportunity above any other man, will prove to be a failure in the end.

This world captivated his heart and mind, and he will be a carnal believer at best.

The world's allure has been the trap for many potentially great men of God, but they fell prey to the lust there-of, and their lives became fruitless.

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Solomon's story could have been the greatest, but the Bible never makes heroes out of mere men, they are all fallen, and this story reveals the great heights that men can fall from...

But we also get a glimpse of God's Grace, as Solomon does not fall without a warning from a loving God.

And for a second time, Solomon will be privileged with an encounter from God.

Remember last time Solomon just completed the Temple, and a marvelous work it was, and perhaps his heart is becoming proud.

We will start in the first 9 verses of chapter 9 now...

God's Second Appearance to Solomon(2 Chron. 7:12-22)

9:1 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he wanted to do, 2 that the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon. 3 And the Lord said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. 4 Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, 5 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.' 6 But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8 And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?' 9 Then they will answer, 'Because

they forsook the Lord their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the Lord has brought all this calamity on them."

Remember last time, the presence of God's Glory came into the Temple.

Fire came from heaven and consumed the sacrifices that that Solomon offered, and that assured Solomon that his prayer was heard.

And here now we see as God did in Gibeon, He speaks to Solomon again.

He audibly assured Solomon that his prayer was heard, and that God would answer it.

God's eyes would be on the Temple and His ears would be attentive to the prayers offered there and towards the Holy Place.

God was now consecrating it, setting it apart and making the Temple His own.

One of the promises that God assured Solomon of will be seen in 2 Chronicles...

2 Chron. 7:13-15 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked

ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.

God has never made a covenant like this with any other nation but Israel, but since Christian believers are God's special people today, and we are called by His Name, we can claim this promise.

Of course we do not pray toward an earthly Temple, but the Temple today is within, but the approach to God is the same.

If we humble ourselves and pray and seek His Face, and turn from our wicked ways, then He will hear us, and forgive us and heal our land.

We are a proud nation, and I imagine it will take a great humbling to break through to our hearts.

People today are in such disbelief that hard times can even come upon us, they cannot fathom that our Great Nation could be weak, it is almost offensive to them that their lives are in turmoil right now.

But understand for much of the world, they live in constant uncertainty, and by God's Grace we have been spared the severe hardships others face daily.

One of our mission pastors in Mexico said, "I have gone for weeks without food, faced perilous times, and I just don't understand the panic in the US."

Hard times come to all, this is the certainty of our world.

Don't be offended or shocked, our security or foundation is not in this world at all, and our security is not in the Great American System, but it is founded upon the Rock, Jesus Christ.

And it is clear, that our great wealth, our great military, our great economy, and our great comforts are still very vulnerable and unstable here in the US.

Sometimes things happen in our world to remind us that this is not our home, and that there is nothing to boast in, in this life.

We must conclude as Paul did in **Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.**

You see, God deals with the humble and contrite hearts, and His ear is attentive those who pray accordingly.

That is a great assurance in an unpredictable world.

So, now, after God assures Solomon that his prayer was heard, in verse four He establishes King David as the standard of measurement.

Now David of course is the human standard according to God's standard, because he had a tremendous love toward God.

But understand David failed immensely, he fumbled many times, and even fell hard into sin.

But David got up again, and he always came to God in confession.

He wanted to have fellowship with God.

Solomon was assured the same promise here, that David was given that his throne would be established forever, “if,” and a big “if” here... if he and his sons followed the Lord their God and kept His commandments and His statutes.

But Solomon is warned that if he does not, and he or his sons follow after the false gods of the land, that this magnificently built Temple will be destroyed.

God warns that anyone who passes by it will be astonished at what God did to this massive structure.

He reminds Solomon that it will be because they forgot, and forsook the Lord their God.

And of course this is what ended up happening, this came to pass very literally as Israel walked away from their God.

Solomon will actually set the course for this destruction, as he introduces false worship into Israel's culture.

Now, before we cast to harsh a judgement upon David's royal line...

We should consider how many churches, and Christian schools, and ministries today have abandoned God's Word and True Faith and fail now to bring Glory to our God.

Worldliness still produces the same results today in God's people as it did with ancient Israel.

Compromise still brings about harsh realities and rejection from God.

There is no middle ground in our faith, either we are all in, or we are against Him.

It is tragic that Solomon had these encounters with God and still he walked away from our Lord.

We like to pretend that it is shocking, but if we are honest with our own hearts, we are constantly in danger of being lured away as well.

We will see some of the pitfalls in Solomon's life, and see how we can protect our own hearts from them as we continue on now, look starting in verse 10

Solomon and Hiram Exchange Gifts

10 Now it happened at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the Lord and the king's house 11 (Hiram the king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress and gold, as much as he desired), that King Solomon then gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 12 Then Hiram went from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon

had given him, but they did not please him. 13 So he said, "What kind of cities are these which you have given me, my brother?" And he called them the land of Cabul, as they are to this day. 14 Then Hiram sent the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

Remember Hiram, king of Tyre was David's friend, and when David told him of the plans to build the Temple, he helped David gather materials... and even helped David build his own home.

Hiram became a friend of Solomon as well, and Solomon contracted with Hiram for all the materials and much of the labor of the Temple.

We see here too Hiram supplied Solomon with 120 talents of Gold, about four and half tons.

This was extra Gold apart from what was consecrated and set apart for the Temple.

Perhaps Solomon used this gold for his palace complex and the gold shields we will see later.

We see that Solomon gave Hiram a payment of twenty cities all within the border of Phoenicia and Galilee.

Now this is interesting, and another great blunder by Solomon.

In spite of the fact that he was not supposed to build extravagant palaces unto himself, he too was not authorized to give the land away.

Remember the land was the Lord's.

Lev 25:23-24 'The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me. 24 And in all the land of your possession you shall grant redemption of the land.

It is always a scary place when rulers think they are above the Law.

I imagine the great prosperity that Solomon brought to the nation of Israel, caused them to close their eyes toward his transgressions against God's Holy Law.

Now we see Hiram did not like the cities that he received for payment.

He looked at them and called the "Cabul," which sounds like the Hebrew word for "good for nothing."

He did not think the trade was fair.

Solomon shows some character traits that are troubling here.

Taking out a huge loan and assuring it with poor collateral.

Solomon acts more like a politician here than a good friend to Hiram.

So next we will get a glimpse into the extension of Solomon's Kingdom and his tremendous building programs.

Solomon's Additional Achievements(2 Chron. 8:3-16)

15 And this is the reason for the labor force which King Solomon raised: to build the house of the Lord, his own house, the Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer. 16 (Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer and burned it with fire, had killed the Canaanites who dwelt in the city, and had given it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.) 17 And Solomon built Gezer, Lower Beth Horon, 18 Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land of Judah, 19 all the storage cities that Solomon had, cities for his chariots and cities for his cavalry, and whatever Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 All the people who were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of the children of Israel — 21 that is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Israel had not been able to destroy completely — from these Solomon raised forced labor, as it is to this day. 22 But of the children of Israel Solomon made no forced laborers, because they were men of war and his servants: his officers, his captains, commanders of his chariots, and his cavalry.

23 Others were chiefs of the officials who were over Solomon's work: five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people who did the work.

24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up from the City of David to her house which Solomon had built for her. Then he built the Millo.

Now, the Lord kept His promise to Solomon... when He said in...

1 Kings 3:13 And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

But Solomon at the peak of his blessings, started to lose focus on from Whom his blessings flowed.

Solomon became a famous man, a shrewd diplomat who missed no opportunity to increase his wealth and power.

And to accomplish all this work, we see he conscripted the aliens in Israel to do the forced labor.

We see next...

25 Now three times a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he had built for the Lord, and he burned incense with them on the altar that was before the Lord. So he finished the temple.

The Jewish Males were required to come to Jerusalem for three celebrations, that would be Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

Passover looked back at their deliverance from Egypt, Pentecost or First Fruits celebrated the goodness of

God in sending the harvest, and Tabernacles commemorated God taking care of them through the wilderness journey.

Solomon set the example by celebrating these times.

But as we will see next, Solomon's heart for the rest of the year was set on building his own kingdom.

He is much like the person who trots into church on Sunday to check off his religious duties, but lives like a heathen the rest of the week.

Look now starting in verse 26...

26 King Solomon also built a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber, which is near Elath on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. 27 Then Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, seamen who knew the sea, to work with the servants of Solomon. 28 And they went to Ophir, and acquired four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

Solomon was a great entrepreneur, and in our American climate we would look upon him as successful.

But at the end of his life, the only conclusion he could find on all the getting and gaining in this life... was

Eccl 12:8 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "All is vanity."

Solomon's life was empty in all his getting, he was bankrupt spiritually.

You see, there is a better way, Jesus explains for us...

Luke 9:23-25 ~~Then He said to them all,~~ "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. 24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. 25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

Jesus continually pointed our hearts and minds to our heavenly reward.

Solomon proved Jesus' Words true, he had it all, and it was vanity.

So next Solomon's fame spreads far and wide, and because of this, a distant visitor comes to see for herself of his earthly greatness.

Look now starting in verse 1 of chapter 10...

The Queen of Sheba's Praise of Solomon(2 Chron. 9:1-28)

10:1 Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. 2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. 3 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain it to her. 4 And when the

queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, 5 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her. 6 Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. 7 However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. 8 Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom! 9 Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness."

10 Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great quantity, and precious stones. There never again came such abundance of spices as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. 11 Also, the ships of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought great quantities of almug wood and precious stones from Ophir. 12 And the king made steps of the almug wood for the house of the Lord and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers. There never again came such almug wood, nor has the like been seen to this day.

13 Now King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon had given her according to the royal generosity. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

The infamous Queen of Sheba now hears of the greatness of Solomon.

She is not content in simply hearing about Solomon's greatness, she wants to see it for herself.

She makes an incredible journey with a great entourage, all the way from Arabia, others think perhaps Ethiopia, but it was a journey.

There are stories that the Ethiopians, declare, they, they say that in sending her away with all that she desired, that, that also included a child. In other words that she became pregnant by Solomon, and that, that child became the king of Ethiopia. Chuck Smith

And some Ethiopian monarchs have even claimed to be a direct decedent of Solomon.

It is interesting at most, but not Biblically clear if Solomon impregnated her.

We know he did love women, and the tale is not too unbelievable.

Now we see she was overwhelmed with the visit, she told Solomon all that was in her heart, and of course he told her everything she wanted to hear.

She walked with Solomon, learned of the lavish lifestyle he lived, she even observed the way he worshipped.

And we see it was all just too much for her, as she witnessed these things.

And it is fascinating and really gives us an insight to just how vast the wealth of Solomon was, we see the Queen, by her gifts, she was no beggar, but even her great wealth was not comparable to Solomon's.

She brought gifts very large and expensive but Solomon in turn gave her whatever she asked for out of his royal bounty.

I really love the Queen of Sheba's example here, and the conclusion that she comes to in verse 6, that "it was true everything she heard in her own land, but she could not truly believe the words until she saw with her own eyes, and the reality is what she heard was only half of the truth."

Listen, there are some in the church who are content in simply hearing about what God is doing, let's say on the mission field.

They love to hear people come back from their short term mission trips, or they love to hear the missionaries tell their stories.

But they never want to go any further than hearing about it.

It is those who take that step of faith and go and do, who see God work in miraculous ways.

You see ours is a doing faith.

I love to watch people who have never gone on a mission's trip, go to Mexico for the first time, they step out, put their fears behind them and they go, it is life changing for them, they are overwhelmed at all that God does through them, and in them.

It motivates them in their faith here, to continually step out in faith, and watch God move in their lives.

You see it reminds them, that their life as believers in Jesus Christ, is a life of missions work.

We are all fulltime missionaries wherever God has us.

Maybe tonight, you are listening to this teaching, and you know God is calling you to step out and obey Him, maybe it is to share His love with someone, to share the gospel with someone.

Maybe it is a bigger step like a mission trip, or maybe it is simply to be a bolder witness on the jobsite, maybe it is start Foster Care.

Maybe it is to join the street team, or children's ministry.

Whatever it is, you have heard how God moves through other people, and maybe you are just not content any longer in hearing about it.

Listen, step out, make the journey, you see the Queen of Sheba did not just take a stroll down the street, her step of faith was a great inconvenience and a great cost to her, but in the end the blessings could not be calculated.

Nothing God is calling you too will ever be easy, easy is the way of this world, it is the wide path, that leads to destruction.

The Narrow Way, the more difficult path of faith is what we are called to, and I assure you, once you take that step, and you move ahead in obedience, well, obedience leads to blessing.

The Queen of Sheba was not content in hearing, she went and saw.

She then left back to her own country blessed and many commentators believe she left with a faith in Yahweh, in Israel's God.

Jesus says to the disbelieving today... **Luke 11:31 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.**

Jesus is the One Greater than Solomon.

And I also want to say tonight, if you have never given your life over to the Lord Jesus, come to the One Who is Greater.

Jesus offers you New Life, Jesus offers you forgiveness of sin, He offers you salvation, and eternal life.

All of this is greater than any amount of earthly riches that Solomon ever gave to the Queen of the South.

Paul declared in Eph. 3:14-21 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The riches of His Grace are greater than the treasures of this world.

The benefits of faith in Jesus Christ are more stable than that 401k you lost last week.

His benefits are out of this world.

He offers you life eternal this evening, place your trust in Him, turn from your sin, receive your eternal pardon, and live for His Glory.

This what the One Who is Greater than Solomon offers you tonight.

So next, we will witness the splendor of Solomon's earthly reign...

As we read it, remember the words of the elder Solomon, "Vanity of Vanities all is Vanity."

Solomon's Great Wealth

14 The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, 15 besides that from the traveling merchants, from the income of traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country.

16 And King Solomon made two hundred large shields of hammered gold; six hundred shekels of gold went into each shield. 17 He also made three hundred shields of hammered gold; three minas of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round at the back; there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the armrests. 20 Twelve lions stood there, one on each side of the six

steps; nothing like this had been made for any other kingdom.

21 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure gold. Not one was silver, for this was

accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon. 22 For the king had merchant ships at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the merchant ships came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and monkeys.

23 So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

24 Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 25 Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

26 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem. 27 The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland.

28 Also Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the current price. 29 Now a chariot that was imported from Egypt cost six hundred shekels of silver, and a

horse one hundred and fifty; and thus, through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

We see all these are luxury items, even apes for entertaining, peacocks for beauty, gold, silver, ivory, all for decorations.

Solomon cornered the market on gold, so much so that silver was like rocks in these days.

I find it interesting that the weight of gold that came in every year for Solomon was the number of a man, and earthly man, 666.

Of course, this is the number that is going to represent the false messiah in the end.

It really seems to be a testimony to Solomon's earthly thinking.

Solomon achieved all that this world had to offer, yet it was still so very incomplete.

He wrote in his later years... **Eccl 5:10 He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver;**

Nor he who loves abundance, with increase.

This also is vanity.

Everything we read in this chapter was unnecessary and only for show...

It was for others to admire him, and through it all, because of the prosperity of the times, it seems no one dared challenge his motives.

David had prophets and priests who held him accountable, but Solomon either did not listen, or did not have godly men surrounding him.

He chose to pursue amassing a fortune instead of making a life.

Someone once said... “It is good to have the things money can buy, provided you don’t lose the things money can’t buy.”

Jesus said what profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

Think about that tonight, as our world has changed dramatically, surely some of those lofty pursuits you had a couple weeks ago have a different perspective tonight.

Maybe your job is being threatened, maybe you are worried about what is ahead.

Maybe you are living in fear of this sickness and the uncertainty of it all just has you in such turmoil.

Please understand, there is only One Hope through it all.

In fact, if you don’t know Jesus tonight, I don’t know how you are coping with this world.

This world would be so hopeless with my faith in Jesus.

The government will try to bandage things up with bail outs and promises.

But please know, history speaks loudly on this, man will fail, this world's systems never last.

But there is another message for you tonight in spite of all the uncertainty of our day...

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Matt 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Come to Him tonight, in essence this was Solomon's promise, that God would care for Him, if He walked with God.

But Solomon chose to trust in this world, in its fallen and corrupt ways, and in the end it will cost him and the nation of Israel greatly.

Tonight, you have the option to trust in man's promises, or to trust in our eternal God.

He promises to never leave nor forsake you, trust Him tonight.

Let's pray...