



## A LESSON LEARNED

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**1 KINGS 11:1-2 NKJV** – (1) But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites— (2) from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, “You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely, they will turn away your hearts after their gods.” Solomon clung to these in love.

Whether marriage, dating, friendships, etc., there is a lesson God is getting across here. God “Does Not” want His children intermarried with those who are foreign to the false and non-living god. They have nothing in common with Jesus. You cannot be in one with them because they are foreign. And what is not of God will be brought to you should you try to be one with them.

Solomon loved many foreign women. There are two obvious problems here, **First**, that he loved foreign women. Women who worshipped other gods and brought pagan influences to Israel. **Second**, that he loved many women, rejecting God’s plan from the beginning for one man and one woman to become one flesh in marriage (**Matthew 19:4-6, Genesis 2:23-24**). Do you see the principal being made here? The operative word is “Foreign.”

Nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, “You shall not intermarry with them.” God gave a general warning to all Israel not to intermarry with these nations, because they would turn one away your heart from the true and living God. Let’s see what this looks like today. Read **2 Corinthians 6:14-17**. For all Solomon’s great wisdom, he did not have the wisdom to apply this simple command to his own life.

Solomon probably did what many of us do. He somehow thought that he would be the exception, that he would escape the consequences of this sin, despite seeing how it affected others. Solomon learned or could have learned that he was not the exception to this rule. Nevertheless, Solomon clung onto these with love. At this point, Solomon wanted romance, sensual fulfillment and compromising relationships more than he wanted the Lord. Many of us today want the same and therefore, we have not learned or graduated from that life lesson.

**SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great.