

"And likewise did he for all His Strange Wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. And the LORD Was Angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, Which Had Appeared unto him twice," 1 Kings 11:8-9 KJV



Small leather straps allow a one hundred pound child to control a thousand pound horse. Control the head, control the beast. Products aren't the only thing advertised on TV – Immorality and vulgarity is blatantly flaunted and men disregard its evil, because it is disguised as humor! David used it to escape his enemy. *"David...changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad*

in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. Then said Achish unto his servants, 'Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?' David therefore departed thence, and escaped." Solomon's "strange wives" caused him to "sacrifice unto their gods." Even with the Gift of Divine Wisdom, the worldly yoke of "strange wives" brought him low and "his heart was turned from the Lord." Believers are admonished, *"Let This Mind be in you, Which Was Also In Christ Jesus: Let the Word of Christ Dwell in you richly in all Wisdom. Meditate Therein day and night. Commune with your own heart upon your bed. Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. Whatsoever things are true...honest...just...pure...lovely...of good report – if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS!"* Thought controls the heart. Solomon's reasons for "strange wives" demonstrate how we accept worldly wisdom in direct opposition to all the Holy Wisdom Given us in God's Word. Do we really "seek God and His Righteousness first?" Can God really Do The Impossible? Do we believe it? What "strange wives" do you have? Do we depend on worldly wisdom to run our affairs? Are we "married" to idolatrous philosophy, sacrificing our Faith on its altars? We may truly believe God Has Done Wonders in the past, but do we believe He'll Do Wonders, today? Frances Havergal in the hymn "Like A River Glorious" wrote, "Those that trust Him wholly, find Him Wholly True!"

Strange opinions in my head,
Lead my heart to sin and dread,
Down destruction's evil path,
From God's mercy, love, and faith. –CGP

There is a Truth we often apply elsewhere that most assuredly applies here: *"For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."* If you "judge" God to be unworthy of your trust, He'll Judge you to be unworthy of His Provision. If you give Him "little faith," He'll give you little help. Which unequal yokes are turning your heart from the LORD? Have the poisons of the environment leached into the pure water of your well-spring? Has the world's evil filth clouded the pure "Water of the Word." Is your "temple" a toilet? God won't live in your outhouse! Move into the Mansion where God is the Lord! He's Master of the house or it's not His House!

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath Righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath Light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the Temple of God with idols? For ye Are The Temple of the Living God; as God Hath Said, I Will Dwell in them, And Walk in them; And I Will Be their God, and they Shall Be My People." 2 Corinthians 6:14-16 KJV