

## "God the Merciful King" 1 Kings 11:30-39

If your house was burning and you only had 30 seconds to get out, what would grab on your way out the door? Why?

Solomon had it all. Wealth, fame, power, all the trappings of success. He also had the gift he requested from God, wisdom, but failed to use it. Can you think of a time when you knew what the right thing to do was, and yet you failed to do it? You understand the position Solomon was in.

Read *1 Kings 11:9-11*. God is following through what he promised to do with Solomon. How do you think Solomon responded to God's response?

How is Solomon's response different than my response when God follows through with me?

God \_\_\_\_\_\_ mercy. Read *1 Kings 11:12-13*. How is God's response a gift of mercy to Solomon?

God's mercy is not in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Read *Jeremiah 29:13-14* and *Lamentations 3:22-24*. Jeremiah saw his world crumbling. His response was to wait and trust in God's mercy. What can I learn and apply from Jeremiah's response?

God's mercy gives \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Read 1 Kings 11:39. How does this verse speak of God's hope in mercy?

God's mercy never \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Can you name a time in your life when you saw mercy given to you, provide the hope you needed? What was the outcome?

God's mercy has a \_\_\_\_\_

Read *Titus 3:4-7.* The apostle Paul was writing to a church planted in the center of what many would call, "good for nothing" people. His reminder to Titus and the church was that God's mercy was shown to them through Jesus, just as it had been for Titus.

What person, groups of people do we treat as if they are undeserving of God's mercy?

\_\_\_\_ is God's mercy and hope to us.

Read *Ephesians 2:8-10* and *Colossians 2:15*. God made Jesus a public spectacle of his mercy. Do I see myself, live as if I am a public display of God's mercy? How do others see me?

## <u>This week</u>

How am I living as a monument of God's mercy? To whom would God have me be a person of mercy? Have I received God's mercy through a relationship with Jesus?

Even in Solomon's, and our failures God still is a God of mercy.