INTRODUCTION
1. As we saw last week, David was “a man ____________________________”
2. Yet, he made many mistakes, one in particular ________________________________
   a. Lust, adultery, a baby born, a baby died
   b. Bathsheba bore another son: ________________________________
3. Solomon has been called “the wisest ____________________________ in the Bible” Let’s see why...

DISCUSSION
I. Solomon Began His Reign With Incredible Opportunity
   A. He had inherited a great ________________________________
      1. This enabled him to conduct a great ________________________________
         a. Wisdom (Ecclesiastes 1:16-18) ________________________________
         b. Pleasure (Ecclesiastes 2:1-3) ________________________________
         c. Possessions (Ecclesiastes 2:4-10) ________________________________
         d. Labor (Ecclesiastes 2:18-20) ________________________________
      2. His conclusion: (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) ________________________________
   B. He was blessed with great ________________________________
   C. He was blessed with having ________________________________
   D. He was blessed with two appearances of ________________________________!
      1. 1 Kings 3:5-14 __________________________________________________________________
      2. 2 Chronicles 7:12, 17-22 ____________________________________________

II. How Did Solomon Use These Marvelous Blessings?
   A. At first __________________________________________________________________________
   B. He did not squander wealth and manpower on ________________________________
   C. He became a great ________________________________
   D. He Became a great ________________________________ (1 Kings 4:32-34)
   E. Yet, in spite of all this wisdom and greatness...

III. Solomon Was Guilty of Some Tragic Mistakes!
   A. He was foolishly fond of ________________________________
   B. He had an incredible weakness for the ________________________________
      1. 1 Kings 11:1-3a __________________________________________________________________
      2. Most marriages were probably ________________________________
      3. But: foreign brides brought their own ________________________________
         (remember 2 Chronicles 7:19-20)
      4. What does Solomon do about the religions of his wives?
         a. First he ________________________________
         b. Then he ________________________________
         c. Finally he ________________________________

This evening’s Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1:1-7
C. Listen to these most tragic verses...

1. 1 Kings 11:4-8
2. The result? 1 Kings 11:9-11
3. The consequences of this were costly indeed!
   a. To Solomon
   b. To the ___________________________ that would follow him
   c. Ultimately, the whole kingdom

CONCLUSION

1. Solomon outlived his __________________________
2. His eulogy? 2 Chronicles 9:30-31