

*Introduction*

Solomon gave counsel to his son, Rehoboam:

- **Prov 4.6** - do not forsake wisdom and she will guard you
- **Prov 9.6** - forsake your folly and live and proceed in the way of understanding
- **Prov 1.7** - the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Rehoboam was a man who “forsook God’s Law” (2 Chron 12.1) and he did not “set his heart to seek the LORD” (2 Chron 12.14). It’s a tragic account of a man who had so much potential, but rejected God’s wisdom & pursued human wisdom -- to his own destruction.

*Background to 2 Chron 10-12 (Rehoboam’s kingship)*

- Solomon was king over a powerful, peaceful, *\*united\** empire/ united nation of Israel. When he died, his son Rehoboam would *divide* the monarchy. It’d be a **DIVIDED** kingdom. It was split in the N kingdom & the S kingdom.
- The **Northern** kingdom included the 10 tribes to the north (often identified as Israel, Samaria, or Ephraim (or, Joseph)
  - the capitals would be Shechem, Tirza and then Samaria & the idolatrous worship centers: Dan and Bethel
- The **Southern** kingdom included the 2 southern tribes — Judah and Benjamin (identified as Judah, Jerusalem, House of David)
  - the capital was Jerusalem & the place of worship was (to be) Jerusalem
  - Solomon’s son, REHOBOAM reigned from 931-913BC in Judah (South). Meanwhile, Jeroboam was king in the North.

**THESIS** — Our chapter will show us a picture of folly! Careful whose counsel/advice you follow!  
**We’ll see this in 4 headings about Rehoboam’s reign...**

## **I. THE CORONATION OF REHOBOAM (I)**

*The place*

## **II. THE QUESTION FOR REHOBOAM (2-11)**

*The plea*

Verses 6-11 — 2 types of advice:

1. **Advice group #1** — older advisers:

2. **Advice group #2** — younger advisers

Here’s a crucial lesson to learn: Rehoboam didn’t want advisers who told him the truth, but people who would tell him what he wanted to hear!! He wanted ‘yes-men’.

## **III. THE DOMINATION OF REHOBOAM (12-15)**

*The pride*

V.13 - Rehoboam’s reply was...

1. *harsh* — he answered them harshly ...
2. *haughty* — he rejected the advice of elderly, good, wise men
3. *headstrong* — I will...

V.15 - the theological commentary from the Chronicler -- *why did all this happen??*

## **IV. THE REBELLION AGAINST REHOBOAM (16-19)**

*The protest*

V.16 - Israel didn't get what they wanted, so they rebelled, protested.

This is huge & important. It isn't only political but *SPIRITUAL* rebellion. It was a rejection of the Davidic kingdom & the Temple & Jerusalem & God's covenant with the Davidic lineage!

### **Looking at the bigger picture and storyline:**

Solomon had a heavy yoke and it was a burden to the people. There is, however, a greater Son of David who has a yoke that is easy and his burden is light!

### *Conclusion:*

The lesson? God remains gloriously faithful to his Word and promise even when men make foolish & arrogant decisions.

### **Prayer Meeting Guide:**

1. **Praising** our Savior - I thank/praise you for...
2. **Protection** from pride - Please protect us from...
3. **Pursuing** Godly wisdom - Help us to pursue and heed your wisdom in the area of...
4. **Purity** in the Church - Grant purity in your church in...

**Jesus Paid It All**

I hear the Savior say,  
 “Thy strength indeed is small;  
 Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
 Find in Me thine all in all.”

*Jesus paid it all,  
 All to Him I owe;  
 Sin had left a crimson stain,  
 He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I  
 Whereby Thy grace to claim,  
 I’ll wash my garments white  
 In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And now complete in Him  
 My robe His righteousness,  
 Close sheltered ‘neath His side,  
 I am divinely blest.

Lord, now indeed I find  
 Thy power and Thine alone,  
 Can change the leper’s spots  
 And melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne  
 I stand in Him complete,  
 “Jesus died my soul to save!”  
 My lips shall still repeat.

**I Run to Christ**

I run to Christ when chased by fear  
 And find a refuge sure.  
 “Believe in me,” His voice I hear;  
 His words and wounds secure.  
 I run to Christ when torn by grief  
 And find abundant peace.  
 “I too had tears,” He gently speaks;  
 Thus joy and sorrow meet.

I run to Christ when worn by life  
 And find my soul refreshed.  
 “Come unto Me,” He calls through strife;  
 Fatigue gives way to rest.  
 I run to Christ when vexed by hell  
 And find a mighty arm.  
 “The Devil flees,” the Scriptures tell;  
 He roars, but cannot harm.

I run to Christ when stalked by sin  
 And find a sure escape.  
 “Deliver me,” I cry to Him;  
 Temptation yields to grace.  
 I run to Christ when plagued by shame  
 And find my one defense.  
 “I bore God’s wrath,” He pleads my case—  
 My Advocate and Friend.