

Who Are You Listening To?

1 Kings 11:43b-12:19

Intro: Some advice, you can take it or leave it.
Some advice should be rejected out of hand.
Some advice should be *listened to*.
Much depends on the *source* and the *purpose*.
So, who are *you* listening to these days?

- i. A look at the son of the wisest man on earth: Rehoboam
 - a. His dad gave him great advice about advice
 - b. He seems to wisely heed the advice, at first
 - c. But then he rejects it, and seeks bad advice

- ii. A look at the good advice
 - a. Consider the source: men who advised Solomon
 - b. Consider the purpose: to serve the people
 - c. Consider the outcome: they will serve you as king

- iii. A look at the bad advice
 - a. Consider the source: peers from his growing years
 - b. Consider the purpose: to show power
 - c. Consider the outcome: they will reject you as king

- iv. Who was Rehoboam *really* listening to?
 - a. Unlike his father (starting out), he didn't listen to God
 - b. He actually didn't listen to the elders, either
 - c. And his peers? They only flattered him, not advised
 - d. In the end, Rehoboam was only listening to himself

Close: So, *who* are you *listening to* these days?
If it's not God—or pleasing to God—it's no good.
Here's some advice that is always sound:
Repent, receive God's grace, and follow Jesus Christ.