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A SHORT EXHORTATION

Theme -Never get to this point
1 Kings 11:11b KJV
...I will surely rend d kingdom from thee, & will give it to thy servant

Rending d kingdom from an individual cld mean a ship load of things

It cld mean taking away, a source of wealth, influence, affluence,



strength etc

It is never a thing of joy or something to be celebrated.

English dictionary defines
rend (plural rends) As a violent separation of parts

When God did some kingdom rending from kings in the Bible, it was because, they obviously crossed some red lines.

When Adam & Eve crossed the red line, (Garden of Eden) they experienced a rending.

Many kings too suffered the same fate.
King Saul had his kingdom rend from him. His disobedience not only cost him his kingdom, he "lost" his God.

1 Kings 11:11 KJV
Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

You see, there is nothing more

painful than seeing what made you great being taken over or bestowed upon you considered "lowly"... That is a recipe for high blood pressure.

Rending is COSTLY.
Rending is PAINFUL
Rending is SHAMEFUL.

What God has blessed you with to glorify Him and benefit mankind, must never

be used for personal aggrandizement. There is danger in it.

What God has blessed you with, must never make you arrogant or full of pride. He resist the proud. Can you imagine God resisting a mere mortal? You sure don't want to fill that space.

We must continually carry out a constant assessment of how we utilize anything God has blessed us with, so we don't become a horrible reference point.

God and the God factor must never be left out of the equation. All we have on earth came from Him and we must use them not only