Solomon's Wealth

1 Kings 3:13-14

Introduction

We admire royalty. Royalty fascinates us in so many ways. When I say the names Queen Elizabeth, Prince Charles, Prince William and Kate and Harry and the late Princess Diana.

I remember when Princess Diana died.

There has been nobody in the history of the world that matched the splendor of Solomon. The Lord blessed Solomon beyond measure and tonight I want to talk about the wealth of Solomon.

His Kingdom.

> Euphrates River on the north
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> Egyptian border on the south
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> Arabian Desert on the east
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> Mediterranean Coast on the west

1 Kings 4:1-21   Solomon's Servants

1. Azariah and Abiathar – the priests

2. Elihoreph and Ahiah – scribes

3. Jehosephat – his personal historian

4. Azariah and Zabad – Principal officers (Nathan's Sons)

5. Ahishar – manager of the Kingdom estate

6. Adoniram – financial chief

7. Benaiah – Captain of the Army and Special Forces

8. 20,000 Servants Total / 14,000 were courtiers

1 Kings 4:22-28   Solomon's Food

1. 150 bushels (2,580 gallons) of flour

2. 300 bushels (5,160 gallons) of meal

3. 20 Oxen / 100 Sheep / roebucks and fallow deer / fatted fowl

4. In one day

5. In Ecclesiastes, Solomon says he has eaten anything he wanted.

1 Kings 9-10   Solomon's Army

1. Navy = hundreds of ships that traveled all over the known world.

2. Army = 12,000 horsemen

3. 2,000 chariots made of silver / 600 shekels of silver per chariot (1 Kings 10:29)

4. Sidonian and Hittite mercenaries

5. Shields of gold

1 Kings 7   Solomon's House

1. Took 13 years to build it

2. 200 Kilos of Gold for the walls

3. Massive porches and columned porticoes made of Cedar trees

4. Lattice windows

5. Hand-carved walls sculpted like palm granites and flowers

6. All was beautiful and custom made

7. He had a wing for his 700 wives and 300 hundred concubines   (1 Kings 11:3)

8. He had a wing for the Pharaoh of Egypt

9. His throne made of pure Ivory and plated in pure gold

10. Walking up to his throne there were 6 steps each guarded by two sculpted lions made of pure gold

11. In his throne room there was a molten sea 5 cubits deep and 30 cubits in circumference.

12. A swimming pool of clear water before you went to the throne.

1 Kings 10:14-29   Solomon's Wealth

1. Solomon averaged 636 Talents of pure gold annually   (1 Kings 10:14)

2. In one year, his navy delivered 420 Talents of gold in one trip from India

3. $2,000 per ounce

4. 25 tons per year for forty years = $64,300,800,000 in pure gold

5. He had spices, silver, gems and metals mined and imported from all over the world

6. Linens and clothes from all over the world

7. Solomon ate completely with gold utensils   (1 Kings 7:50)

8. 40,000 stalls for all his horses.   Imported horses from Egypt and Arabia.

9.   Exotic animals (Apes and Peacocks)   (1 Kings 10:22)

10.   To give you an Idea of Solomon's wealth

11.   Donald Trump $3.5 Billion / Mark Zuckerberg $70.9B / Warren Buffet $75B / Bill Gates $85.6B / Jeff Bezos $81.5B / John Rockefeller $663B / Andrew Carnegie $310B / Tsar Nicholas II $300B / Henry Ford $199 / Cornelius Vanderbilt $185B

12.   Solomon $2.1 Trillion in total wealth

13.   Solomon had all the world has to offer

Ecclesiastes 1:14   "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun all is vanity and vexation of spirit"

Ecclesiastes 12:13   "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Deon Sanders & Ted Turner all is vanity

Matthew 6:29   "And yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Lilies

Conclusion

1.   Solomon is a picture of the splendor of a king

2.   Solomon is a picture of the majestic beauty of Jesus

3.   It is not his flashing beauty that makes him great

4.   His wisdom made him great

5.   Solomon is a picture of the wise and majestic King that was and is coming

Challenge

1.   Do you truly believe Solomon when he says wealth will not satisfy?

2.   Do you truly believe Solomon when he says the duty of man is to fear God and obey him?