

Solomon's Wisdom

1 Kings 3

Introduction

Chapter 3 of Kings narrates the early life of Solomon. God loved Solomon and desired to bless him.

Solomon starts his reign with an offering to God of 1,000 sacrificed animals at Gibeon. The tabernacle was in Gibeon but the Ark of the Covenant was in Jerusalem. Therefore, people did not yet have a central place of worship but sacrificed to God in various high places throughout Israel.

After giving God the offerings he slept and God spoke to Solomon in a dream.

Verses 6-9 Solomon's Request

1. God asked what shall I give thee?
2. My Dad walked with You and You have been kind.
3. Now I sit on the throne but I am just a child.
4. I know not how to go out or come in.
5. Matthew 5:3-5 Blessed are the poor in Spirit, mourners and meek.
6. Matthew 18:4 Childlike faith.
7. Jeremiah 1:6 O Lord I am just a child.
8. Socrates "The only true wisdom is knowing you know nothing".
9. Solomon understood his humble limitations.
10. He asked for wisdom.
11. I lead a great number of people.
12. Give me wisdom. He asked for wisdom.
13. James 1:5-6 "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God that giveth to all me liberally and abraideth not and it shall be given him.
14. We all need to ask God to give us wisdom.
15. Faith saves us, wisdom prospers us.

Verses 10-11 God's Response

1. I'm impressed.
2. Because you did not ask for riches or long life.
3. Because you asked for understanding and discerning judgment.
4. What do we ask for? Is God impressed?

Verses 12-15 God's Reward

1. He gave him wisdom and more.
2. He asked, therefore God gave and more.
3. Walk in righteousness and you will live long.
4. Moreover, Solomon awoke and gave another offering at the ark of God.
5. Chapter 4:29-34 God fulfilled his promise.
6. Verses 16-28 The two harlots and the child.
7. Chapter 10 The Queen of Sheba and all Kings came to listen to the Wisdom of Solomon.

Conclusion

1. To receive wisdom you must first humbly know you need it.
2. To receive wisdom you must ask for it in faith.
3. Wisdom is the wisdom of God
4. To be like Jesus is to be wise.

Challenge

1. Come to a place where you know you need the wisdom of God to succeed as a Christian.
2. Ask God for His wisdom.