

3 THE R_____ OF WISDOM

A. S_____ BLESSINGS

I KINGS 3:13 — And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

II CHRONICLES 9:24-28 — And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. [25] And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. [26] And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. [27] And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that are in the low plains in abundance. [28] And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

B. S_____ DISCERNMENT

I KINGS 3:28 — And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

I CORINTHIANS 1:20-24 — Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? [21] For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. [22] For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: [23] But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; [24] But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

JOHN 6:40 — And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

CONCLUSION



MAKING RIGHT DECISIONS

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I KINGS 3:3-15 — And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places. [4] And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. [5] In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. [6] And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. [7] And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. [8] And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. [9] Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? [10] And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. [11] And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; [12] Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. [13] And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. [14] And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days. [15] And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

INTRODUCTION

PROVERBS 4:7 — Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

* **DEFINITION:** PRINCIPAL— *first in place, in time, order, and rank*

PROVERBS 3:13-18 — Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. [14] For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. [15] She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. [16] Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. [17] Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. [18] She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

I KINGS 4:29-30, 34 — And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. [30] And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. [34] And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

1 THE R_____ OF WISDOM

A. R_____

I KINGS 3:3a — And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father...

PROVERBS 9:10 — The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

B. H_____

I KINGS 3:7-8 — And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. [8] And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

QUOTE (ABRAHAM LINCOLN)

"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of those about me seemed insufficient for the day."

PROVERBS 11:2 — When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

I PETER 5:5 — Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

QUOTE (JAMES INNELL PACKER)

"Not until we have become humble and teachable, standing in awe of God's holiness and sovereignty, acknowledging our own littleness, distrusting our own thoughts, and willing to have our minds turned upside down, can divine wisdom become ours."

2 THE R_____ FOR WISDOM

A. S_____ OF WISDOM

I KINGS 3:5 — In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

I KINGS 3:12a — Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart;...

II CHRONICLES 9:22-23 — And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. [23] And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

PROVERBS 2:6 — For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

DANIEL 2:20 — Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

JOB 28:23 — God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

B. S_____ AFTER WISDOM

I KINGS 3:9 — Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

JAMES 1:5 — If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

PROVERBS 8:17 — I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.