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Solomon Asks For Wisdom

Focus Verse: 1 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?

Lesson Text: 1 Kings 3:5-28

Truth About God: God's wisdom contains every blessing we need.

Truth For My Life: I will seek God's wisdom in every area of life.

Wisdom is a wonderful commodity to possess, and it is highly commended to us in Scripture. When we consider wisdom from the pages of the Bible, one name immediately comes to mind. Solomon was assured by God that there would never be another as wise as him. He is the standard-bearer for what wisdom looks like in a life and what a life looks like when wisdom is later rejected.

In Solomon's dream in Gibeon, God extended a remarkable, unqualified offer to him. *"In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee"* (1 Kings 3:5). Whatever Solomon desired was his for the taking, as the one extending this offer was God Himself. His resources are quite obviously unlimited. Solomon responded with selfless humility. This humility compelled him to make the following request: *"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?"* (1 Kings 3:9).

Because Solomon's request was so selfless, God was most pleased. He promised Solomon blessings over and above the wise heart (1 Kings 10:1-9). But while the promise of a wise heart was fulfilled unconditionally, at least one of the additional blessings included a caveat: *"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"* (1 Kings 3:14).

Solomon's wisdom was displayed in a difficult situation when two immoral ladies appeared before him with a horrific account. In the night one of the ladies had rolled over onto her child and suffocated him. Upon discovering this terrible loss, this grief-stricken lady took her deceased child and placed him next to the other lady, while taking this lady's living child and holding him next to herself. In the morning, each claimed that the living child was hers. God's supernatural investment of wisdom into Solomon (1 Kings 3:24-25). Solomon's judgment in this situation demonstrated divine empowerment, and word of his wise discernment quickly spread among his subjects (1 Kings 3:28).

Subject to the will of God and our asking with the right motives, we are given essentially the same promise regarding Kingdom work: *"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it"* (John 14:13-14). As children of God, we must be willing to hear His voice whether it comes through the Scriptures, through our spiritual authority, or by the voice of the Spirit. God desires to communicate with us, but we must be willing. More than a few times, the Scriptures use the phrase, *"If any man have ears to hear, let him hear."*

Wisdom is a commodity of inestimable worth. *"For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it"* Proverbs 8:11). Given that wisdom is primarily a spiritual commodity, experience alone nor a book (**other than the Bible**) can provide it. James 1:5 tells us, *"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."*

Each of us faces a collection of choices of what will we do about our souls? How will we respond to Christ? Will we live faithfully for Him. How will we serve His kingdom. Where will we spend eternity? These matters are of such significance that we should never consider making them on the foundation of human reasoning alone. **Only godly wisdom can properly guide such monumental decisions.**

One person once defined wisdom as the ability to see life from God's point of view. We all should seek to acquire that ability so we can make every decision of life from the perspective of what God sees. This should be true of the daily choices we make that affect our families, our careers, and our finances, as well as those that impact our lives beyond these shores. **If we could see each crossroads from the vantage point of our heavenly Father, the choices would become much clearer.**