

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are the differences between “man’s wisdom” (1 Corinthians 2:4) and the gift of God (1 Kings 4:29)? Discuss.
2. How may we obtain needed wisdom?
3. On what conditions does God bestow riches today?
4. What are the believer’s greatest assets?
5. What are the rewards for humility and the fear of the Lord? Discuss.
[\[SoF:7\]](#)

SUMMARY:

God was gracious to Solomon. He gave him all that he asked and more. God is like that. He gave Solomon wisdom unexcelled. He gave him a great kingdom and a great people. He gave him personal and national prosperity and peace. And He gave him great honor and fame.

The believer today can enjoy the “unsearchable riches of Christ.” (Ephesians 3:8) With the song writer, he can sing, “I once was an outcast stranger on earth; a sinner by choice, and an alien by birth. But I’ve been adopted, my name’s written down; an heir to a mansion, a robe, and a crown ... With Jesus my Savior, I’m the child of the King.”

NOTES:

[\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #5

July 30, 2017

Third Quarter

SOLOMON’S WISDOM, WEALTH AND FAME

LESSON TEXT: *1 Kings 3:16-28; 4:20-34*

LESSON SETTING: Solomon appoints officers throughout his kingdom from the border of Egypt to the land of the Philistines.

TIME: Approximately 1014 B.C.

I. WISDOM DEMONSTRATED. 1 Kings 3:16-28

A. Other examples:

1. Daniel - Daniel 1:20; 2:19-23
2. Stephen - Acts 6:10
3. Believers - Proverbs 1:5; 11:12; Matthew 7:24-25; 25:4; James 3:13

II. WEALTH ENJOYED. 1 Kings 4:20-28

- A. A Great and Secure Kingdom (vs. 20-21, 24-25) Genesis 22:17; 1 Kings 3:8
- B. Prosperity (vs. 22-23, 26-28) Psalm 128:1-2; Proverbs 22:4; Philippians 4:19

III. FAME UNEQUALED. 1 Kings 4:29-34

- A. Wisdom a Gift of God (vs. 29-30) Proverbs 2:6-7; Ecclesiastes 2:26; 1 Corinthians 1:30, 2:10; 1 Corinthians 12:8
- B. Great Renown (vs. 31-34) Matthew 5:16; Acts 17:6

GOLDEN TEXT: BY HUMILITY AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD ARE RICHES, AND HONOR, AND LIFE. Proverbs 22:4

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Kings 5:1 through 6:38

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 2 Chronicles 2:1 through 5:14

QUARTERLY THEME: Life and Writing of Solomon

TOPIC: SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

INTRODUCTION:

The time had now come when the house of God, the Temple, could be built. David's wars, which had disqualified him for building, were now over and Solomon, who knew of God's selection of him for this task, now undertook the work. He made a league with King Hiram and sent 143,000 men to labor with King Hiram's men and also sent yearly rations of 20,000 measures of wheat and 20 measures of oil.

As Solomon built the temple in magnificence and splendor, he also built so that not a sound of a tool was heard. The building, built of stone for durability was lined with wood for warmth, so that not a stone was seen, then overlaid with gold for purity. Even the floor was overlaid with gold.

This teaches us a real lesson about building for God. How carefully do we build our lives for His service? We are building each day, but to whom are we building, to God or to Satan? If we are building to God, how carefully are we doing it? Are we building on a solid foundation, a durable house? One of love and warmth and also a life of holiness and purity? If so, then God can say to us as He did to Solomon, "If thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, to keep my commandments to walk in them: then I will perform my word (promises) with thee." (1 Kings 6:12)

CENTRAL TRUTH: We are building each day a life that should be a temple to honor our Lord.

GOLDEN TEXT: *EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT.*

Psalm 127:1

The Psalmist knew only too well of that which he spoke. It is also so true of us today that, for all our efforts to build our lives on this earth, all such building is vain unless the Lord has had His hand in it. It is so important that we acknowledge Him and seek His direction in all that we do.

Spiritually, it is even more true. No matter how hard we try, personally, to build a spiritual life it all fails and falls short of what God demands. Truly we can only say "it is by grace that we are saved". This is the building that the Lord does within us. However, just as Solomon had to labor in building the temple, we too have our part in living out our lives. God will not force us to live good lives, but He does require it of us if we are to continue in His grace and be His temple or dwelling place. We must beware that we do not defile the "temple of God which temple ye are", and thus be destroyed. (1 Corinthians 3:16)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 31 – Aug. 6

- M. Building the Tabernacle. Exodus 36:1-7
- T. Materials for the Building. 1 Kings 5:1-12
- W. Workers for the Building. 1 Kings 5:13-18
- T. The Splendor of the Building. 1 Kings 8:1-38
- F. Preparing to Rebuild the Temple. Ezra 1:1-11
- S. God's Command to Rebuild the Temple. Haggai 1-15
- S. Building a Spiritual Temple. 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

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