

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What can be learned about the effectiveness of a Christian life and testimony from this lesson?
2. Is 1 Kings 10:9 a basis for concluding that the Queen of Sheba was converted as a result of her encounter with Solomon? Is Matthew 12:42 or Luke 11:31 a basis?
3. What do you suppose was included in Solomon's giving to the Queen all her desire, whatsoever she asked? (Notice the similar opportunity given to Solomon himself in 1 Kings 3:5.)

SUMMARY:

The Queen of Sheba is only one of the countless millions who have made the experience of Luke 11:9 "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you." God delights to reveal Himself and His truth through Jesus Christ to every asking, seeking, knocking soul. And God often uses as instruments faithful believers who are "ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of the hope that is in them." (1 Peter 3:15) Thereby the Queen of Sheba was able to see the reality of the Lord God of Israel by the exemplary life of King Solomon. Do you as a believer demonstrate and witness to the reality of Jesus Christ in your life?

NOTES:

[SoF:4] We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #8

August 20, 2017

Third Quarter

SOLOMON AND THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

LESSON TEXT: *1 Kings 10:1-13*

LESSON SETTING: In the palace of King Solomon in Jerusalem.

TIME: Approximately 992 B.C.

- I. A ROYAL QUEST.** 1 Kings 10:1-2
 - A. A Good Report Heard (vs. 1) Matthew 4:23-25; Mark 1:27-28
 - B. An Honest Desire (vs. 2) Matthew 5:6; John 3:1-2
- II. A CONVINCING REVELATION.** 1 Kings 10:3-5
 - A. Every Question Answered (vs. 3) Luke 20:26; John 3:4-5
 - B. Greatly Impressed (vs. 4-5) Matthew 13:54; John 16:30
- III. A MAGNIFICENT CONCLUSION.** 1 Kings 10:6-13
 - A. Truth Acknowledged (vs. 6-7) John 20:24-29
 - B. The Queen's Observations (vs. 7-9)
 1. Wisdom - Colossians 2:2-3
 2. Prosperity - John 6:35
 3. Happiness - John 13:17
 4. Godliness - 1 Timothy 6:6
 - C. Gifts given (vs. 10, 13) James 1:17; Romans 6:23

GOLDEN TEXT: *BUT OF HIM ARE YE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO OF GOD IS MADE UNTO US WISDOM AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SANCTIFICATION AND REDEMPTION.* [SoF:4] 1 Corinthians 1:30

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Proverbs 8:1 through 9:12

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Job 28:12-28; Ecclesiastes 9:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13

QUARTERLY THEME: Life and Writings of Solomon

TOPIC: THE VALUE OF WISDOM

INTRODUCTION:

Indeed we are living in the time of “knowledge explosion”. Scientific data is being accumulated at a phenomenal rate and at a cost of billions of dollars. This is in fulfillment of prophecy. (Daniel 12:4) But every reasonable person must conclude that this is not resulting in a greater wisdom about God which has its beginning in the fear of the Lord. Instead apostasy is increasing at an alarming pace even in a professing Christian nation as the United States. (This is also in fulfillment of prophecy—2 Thessalonians 2:3.) Mankind is “ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”. (2 Timothy 3:7)

Pray earnestly that this lesson about the value of wisdom will stimulate a hunger and thirst among sinner and saint alike that both come to a greater knowledge of the Creator, Savior, and Lord of this world, Jesus Christ.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The path of wisdom leads to satisfaction and happiness, the path of foolishness to trouble and sorrow.

GOLDEN TEXT: *WISDOM IS BETTER THAN RUBIES; AND ALL THINGS THAT MAY BE DESIRED ARE NOT TO BE COMPARED TO IT.*
Proverbs 8:11

Far too many professing Christians are not taking God at His Word. They have a knowledge of godliness and have made the experience of being born again, but they do not fully allow this salvation to be “worked out” through them. Wisdom is knowledge of what is true and right coupled with ACTION! Believers, where are your desires leading you?

Far too often men and women desire the rubies (treasures of this world) and knowingly or unknowingly strive for these temporal things above their seeking for the wisdom of God. These things bring uneasiness, fear and dissatisfaction into men’s lives but the wisdom of God brings peace, joy and contentment. Thieves can take away the temporal things and murderers can murder for them, but no man can take from us the contentment we have in CHRIST JESUS.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 21 – 27

M. The Source of Wisdom. Job 28:12-28
T. *The Call to be Wise. Proverbs 8:1-17
W. *God’s Provision of Wisdom. Proverbs 8:18-36
T. *The Challenge of Wisdom. Proverbs 9:1-9
F. *The Importance of Wisdom. Proverbs 9:10-12
S. Wisdom of Being Righteous. Proverbs 10:1-16
S. The Folly of Being Wicked. Proverbs 10:17-32

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