

The Queen of Sheba — Positive Volition Toward Doctrine

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One of the most fascinating — and often overlooked — figures in Scripture is not an Israelite, not a prophet, and not even part of the covenant nation.

She was a Gentile queen.

The **Queen of Sheba**, recorded in **1 Kings 10** and **2 Chronicles 9**, traveled a great distance to hear the wisdom of King Solomon. At first glance, her story may seem like a historical visit between rulers. But doctrinally, it reveals something far deeper:

The power of positive volition toward divine truth.

And that principle applies directly to believers today.

The Reputation of Doctrine Travels

Scripture tells us:

“When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with difficult questions.” (1 Kings 10:1)

Notice carefully — she did not come merely because Solomon was wealthy or politically powerful.

She heard about **his wisdom connected to the Lord**.

Solomon's wisdom was not human intelligence; it was divine wisdom derived from God's Word. His rulership reflected doctrine operating in the soul.

This illustrates an important doctrinal principle:

👉 **When doctrine governs a believer's thinking, it becomes visible to the world.**

The blessing, stability, and capacity produced by Bible doctrine become a testimony — even to unbelievers or those far removed from truth.

Positive Volition Seeks Truth

The Queen of Sheba traveled hundreds of miles across dangerous terrain. In the ancient world, this was not casual travel — it required effort, resources, and determination.

Why would a queen leave comfort and security?

Because she possessed **positive volition**.

In doctrinal teaching, positive volition means a willingness to seek truth when exposed to it. God always provides opportunity for those who desire truth.

Her journey demonstrates a timeless principle:

When someone genuinely desires truth, God provides access to it.

She did not wait for truth to come conveniently to her — she pursued it.

This stands in contrast to negative volition, which rejects truth even when it is nearby.

Doctrine Answers the Hard Questions

Scripture says she tested Solomon with difficult questions — and none were hidden from him.

This is doctrinally significant.

Bible doctrine is not afraid of honest questions. Truth withstands examination because it originates from God Himself.

The Queen of Sheba discovered that divine wisdom answered the deepest intellectual and spiritual questions of life.

And her reaction is remarkable:

“The half was not told me.” (1 Kings 10:7)

In other words:

Reality exceeded reputation.

This is always true of God’s Word. Doctrine experienced is greater than doctrine merely heard about.

Humility Recognizes Divine Source

After witnessing Solomon’s wisdom and prosperity, she acknowledged something critical:

“Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you...” (1 Kings 10:9)

She recognized that Solomon’s success came from God — not human greatness.

Here we see humility, a key doctrinal virtue.

Humility is not self-degradation; it is **accurate orientation to authority**. She correctly identified God as the source of blessing.

Doctrine always leads the believer away from personality worship and toward divine appreciation.

✨ **A Gentile Witness Against Religious Arrogance**

Jesus later referenced the Queen of Sheba in **Matthew 12:42**, saying she would rise in judgment against those who rejected Him.

Why?

Because she traveled great distance to hear wisdom — while Israel rejected **Wisdom Himself standing before them.**

The contrast is powerful:

- A Gentile sought truth eagerly.
- Many religious people rejected truth nearby.

The lesson is clear:

👉 **Exposure to truth does not guarantee acceptance of truth.**

Spiritual growth depends on volition, not proximity.

📖 **Application for Church Age Believers**

For believers today, the Queen of Sheba represents several doctrinal realities:

1 Positive volition precedes spiritual growth

God honors the believer who desires doctrine.

2 Doctrine produces visible stability and blessing

A life governed by truth becomes a testimony without self-promotion.

3 Humility recognizes God as the source

Spiritual maturity always gives glory to God, never self.

4 Truth is worth pursuing

Spiritual growth requires intentional priority — not convenience.

Final Thought

The Queen of Sheba reminds us that spiritual hunger matters more than background, nationality, or status.

She crossed deserts to hear wisdom.

Today, believers possess the completed canon of Scripture, doctrinal teaching, and unprecedented access to truth.

The question is no longer whether truth is available.

The question is:

Do we have the same positive volition to pursue it?

Because blessing, stability, and spiritual maturity always follow one path

—

consistent exposure to and application of Bible doctrine.

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In Him,

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