



THE GOD BEHIND WHAT IS SEEN

1 Kings 10:1–13



Big Idea

The Queen of Sheba came because she had heard about Solomon, but what she saw led her to recognize the LORD behind Solomon's wisdom, kingdom, and blessing. The challenge is that our lives should point beyond us to the God we serve.

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1 Kings 10:1

"When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the LORD, she came to test Solomon with hard questions."

Key idea: She does not settle for secondhand reports. She comes to investigate Solomon's wisdom and the God connected with his fame.



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1 Kings 10:2–5

She arrived at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones. Solomon answered all her questions. When she saw his wisdom, palace, officials, servants, and worship, she was overwhelmed.

Key idea: She tests what she has heard and finds that Solomon's God-given wisdom, the order of the kingdom, and the worship of the LORD exceed her expectations.



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3 1 Kings 10:6–9

“The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me. In wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. How happy your people must be! Now happy your officials, who continually stand before you! Praise be to the LORD your God.”

Key idea: The turning point is verse 9: her attention moves from Solomon’s greatness to the LORD who blessed him and established him for justice and righteousness.

4 1 Kings 10:10–13

She gave the king 120 talents of gold, large quantities of spices, and precious stones. Solomon gave the Queen of Sheba all she desired and asked for, besides what he had given her out of his royal bounty. Then she returned to her own country.

Key idea: The visit ends with a royal exchange of gifts. She arrives with great wealth, and Solomon sends her home having been treated generously as well.



Related Scripture Mentioned

Matthew 12:42

Jesus later refers to the Queen of the South. Some commentators see this as evidence she may have come to faith, but 1 Kings does not directly state her conversion.

What the Passage Shows

- She came searching.
- She saw God-given wisdom.
- She recognized the LORD.
- Our lives should point beyond us.

Reflect & Respond

1. FILL IN THE BLANK:

The Queen of Sheba came to test Solomon with _____ questions. (1 Kings 10:1)

2. FILL IN THE BLANK:

“Praise be to the _____ your God,” the queen said after recognizing the One behind Solomon’s blessings. (1 Kings 10:9)

3. CHALLENGE:

When people observe your responses, service, treatment of others, and walk with the Lord, what evidence in your life points them beyond you to God?

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