

The man who HAD IT ALL: *Solomon*

ASK ME ANYTHING | 1 KINGS 3

KING DAVID'S FINAL WORDS TO HIS SON:

“ I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, act like a man, and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.”

1 KINGS 2:2-3 (NIV)

1 KINGS 1-2:

SOLOMON IS ESTABLISHED _____ .

1 KINGS 3:

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FROM THE BEGINNING THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE IS REAL IN SOLOMON:

“ Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt and married his daughter. He brought her to the City of David until he finished building his palace and the temple of the Lord, and the wall around Jerusalem. The people, however, were still sacrificing at the high places, because a temple had not yet been built for the Name of the Lord. Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.”

1 KINGS 3:1-3 (NIV)

• SOLOMON MARRIED _____ .

(DEUTERONOMY 7:2-4)

• SOLOMON WORSHIPS AT THE _____ .

(DEUTERONOMY 12:2-5)

SOLOMON CHOOSES WISELY

“ The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. “Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

1 KINGS 3:4-9 (NIV)

Solomon's Wish:

Contrast with "Wisdom of this World" (1 Cor. 1:20)
"Human Wisdom" (1 Cor. 2:4)
and "Wisdom of this Age" (1 Cor. 2:6)

Godly Wisdom:

A Discerning Heart - literally _____ (shema)

SOLOMON'S REQUEST FOR WISDOM

- He asks with _____.
"God opposes the proud, but shows favor to the humble." - JAMES 4:6
- He asks putting _____.
- He asks believing God _____ answer.

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If you think you are really smart, you are on the pathway to becoming a fool, but if you feel like you don't have it all together you have begun down the path to becoming wise.”

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~ KEVIN DEYOUNG

GOD GENEROUSLY ANSWERS SOLOMON'S WISH

“ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.”

1 KINGS 3:10-14 (NIV)

SO WHAT

GOD'S OFFER FOR WISDOM IS STILL AVAILABLE TO ME TODAY

“ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”

JAMES 1:5 (NIV)

“ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

MATTHEW 6:33 (NIV)

“ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NIV)

DISCUSSION

Questions

- 1 - If you had three wishes what would they be (remember Disney rules apply)?
- 2 - What is the first thing you think of when you think of King Solomon? What is something you would like to understand or study more about Solomon?
- 3 - Read David's final words to his son Solomon in 1 Kings 2:1-4. What kind of impact do you think David's words had on his son? What kind of impact do David's words have on you?
- 4 - In 1 Kings 3 the first three verse about areas where Solomon does not follow the Lord's law. Why do you think the writer starts by including these spiritual weaknesses of Solomon?
- 5 - Read 1 Kings 3:4-9 and Solomon's conversation with God in his dream. What are your first impressions of this conversation? What stands out to you about the way Solomon make's his request to God? What can we learn about how we approach God in prayer from these verses?
- 6 - Read 1 Kings 3:10-14. How would you describe the way that God answers Solomon's prayer? Are there take-a-ways for followers of Christ today in the way that God answers Solomons prayer back then?
- 7 - Share with your group some areas in your life that you need wisdom these days.
- 8 - Closing Prayer. Before you pray have someone read James 1:5, Matthew 6:33 and Proverbs 3:5-6 aloud. Take some time to pray for one another asking for God's wisdom for each other.