

# THE BOOK OF FIRST KINGS

## Chapter 3

### “Ask & You Shall Receive”

#### I) SOLOMON’S TREATY – GOOD OR BAD? (v1-2)

(v1-2) Solomon’s TREATY with Egypt, he marries Pharaoh’s daughter (Oops! I did it again! – 2 Corinthians 6:11 – 7:1)

#### II) SOLOMON’S LOVE FOR GOD? (v3)

(v3) *Solomon loved the LORD—Walked in His statutes—Except? - Are there exceptions in your life?* (Ephesians 4:11-17-32; Revelation 2:1-7)

#### III) SOLOMON’S SACRIFICE? (v4-9)

(v4) Sacrifice today, what about tomorrow?

(v5) Let’s pass the test, “*God said, Ask! What shall I give you?*”

(v6-9) This is a great beginning, a humble prayer request with a heartfelt concern for others in verses 8 and 9. Pray for your family, the church, your ministry in the same way.

#### IV) GOD ANSWERS SOLOMON (v10-15)

(v10-15) **Our God answers our prayers – Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-11-** *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!” **John 15:7-8-** *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**

> **How to please God: Matt 3:17-** *And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”* **John 8:29** - *And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”* **1 Thess 2:4-6** - *But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness--God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from men,* **1 Thess 4:1-3** - *Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.* **Heb 11:5-7** - *By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.* **Prov 16:7** - *When a man’s ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.*

#### V) SOLOMON’S WISDOM!

(v16-28) **Two Women—one baby—True Wisdom—one love! (One woman is PRO-LIFE, the other is PRO-CHOICE (pro-death). Solomon is PRO-LIFE!)**