

Great Differences: Lessons from David & Solomon

This week – Solomon asks for wisdom rather than riches – God grants him both in abundance.

“And why take ye any thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not ... And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one these.” Matthew 6v28,29.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	1 Kings 3v3-15 (Solomon asks God for wisdom)	
Monday	1 Kings 3v16-28 (Solomon makes a wise judgement)	
Tuesday	1 Kings 4v21-34 (God blessed Solomon with riches)	
Wednesday	1 Kings 8v16-29 (Solomon opens the Temple)	
Thursday	2 Chronicles 9v1-12 (The Queen of Sheba visits Solomon)	
Friday	Proverbs 3v5,6,15v1,16v18,22v1,23v13 (Selected Words of Wisdom)	
Saturday	Ecclesiastes 12 (Wise words of advice from Solomon)	

Important Thought for us Today: Do you desire to be rich? This is one of the greatest ambitions of the vast majority today and is where they mistakenly place all their trust. The Bible teaches us that worldly wealth does not bring soul satisfaction and any wealth we have will only last while we are alive. All wealth is left behind at death. Wealth cannot purchase us God’s forgiveness for our sin, nor a place in eternal Heaven. Paul wrote for our learning, *“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”*

1 Timothy 6v10. **So be warned, do not place your trust in worldly wealth.**

We would profit much by listening to what the Lord says to us. Please turn over this sheet and read Matthew 6v33,34. God does not promise to provide all that we want, but to provide all we need. (Forgiveness of sin, peace with God, riches in Heaven - eternity). **Let us seek Christ today.**

Hymn 72v2, (Psalm 72) speaking of the great descendant of David and Solomon – the Lord Jesus Christ.

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| <p>1. Hail to the Lord’s Anointed;
Great David’s greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.</p> | <p>6. O’er every foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all blest,
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever,
That name to us is – Love.</p> |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

Solomon In All His Glory.

- **Solomon is Anointed King of Israel, succeeding David.** 1 Kings 1v38-40.
 - God asked Solomon, *“Ask what I shall give thee.”* 1 Kings 3v5, and 2 Chronicles 1v7.
 - His heart’s desire was to be faithful, to please God by putting Him first in his life. So, Solomon replied, *“Give me now wisdom and knowledge.”* 2 Chronicles 1v10
 - God blessed Solomon with great wisdom, knowledge, honour, and vast riches.
- **Solomon’s Great Wisdom and Knowledge: -**
 - Inspired by God he wrote 3 books in the Bible - Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.
 - 3,000 Proverbs of practical wisdom which we would do well to follow today.
 - He Ruled Wisely – Fair Judgement of the People according to God’s Law.
 - Determining a child’s real mother when two women claimed it. 1 Kings 3v16-28.
- **Solomon’s Vast Riches: -**
 - God gave Solomon great wealth as a reward. He was given great responsibility.
 - He drank from golden cups, had 1,400 chariots, and 12,000 horsemen.
 - His palace took 13 years to build; containing items of gold, silver, and ivory.
- **Solomon’s Honour and Fame: -**
 - He was greater than any other king at the time. Trading far away, even to Spain.
 - The Queen of Sheba heard of Solomon’s fame and wisdom and travelled 100’s of miles to see for herself. She said, *‘behold, the half was not told me.’* 1 Kings 10v7.
 - Even the Lord Jesus commented on Solomon’s glory. **Matthew 6vs28,29.**
- **Solomon’s Long Life: -**
 - His reign as King was not disputed and he ruled Israel in peace for 40 years.
 - God instructed him to build the Temple for His worship, replacing the Tabernacle.
- **The Lord Jesus Brings A Message To Us From The Queen of Sheba: -**
 - Referring to Himself, He said, *“The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.”* Luke 11v31.
 - The Queen of Sheba travelled a long way to have an audience with King Solomon. We have the far greater privilege of hearing the teachings of the King of kings. How much more should we listen to God’s own Son, The Lord Jesus Christ?

How carefully do we prayerfully seek a real audience with the Lord Jesus Christ?

How sincerely do we follow His Plan of Salvation - to know Him as our Saviour?

The Lord graciously calls us and allows us to approach Him; without gifts or money; without any goodness of our own; without anything that would earn His attention.

The Lord Jesus says, ‘Beware. If we despise and ignore Him, we shall stand before His Judgement Throne with the Queen of Sheba joining the prosecution against us.’ Luke 11v31.

The Lord Jesus said, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” Matthew 6v33,34.