

“What Do You Want?”

1 Kings 3:1-15

I. Solomon’s _____ Condition:

“¹Then Solomon formed a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt and took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her to the city of David until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem.”

Just because something seems _____ to the world does _____ make it wise. (Deut. 7:3-4; 1 Kings 11:1-2; Nehemiah 13:26)

Solomon’s heart had a _____ when it came to foreign pagan women. (Heb. 12:1; 2 Cor. 6:14; 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Chron. 8:11)

“²The people were still sacrificing on the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days.”

The people of Israel were _____ God by sacrificing on the high places. (Leviticus 17:3-4; 1 Chronicles 21:28-29)

“³Now Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.”

Solomon’s heart _____ the Lord. (John 14:15)

Solomon’s heart was sometimes _____ - even in _____.

“⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place; Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.”

Solomon’s heart was conforming to follow God’s _____ for worship. (2 Chronicles 1:2-3; 2 Chronicles 1:6)

Solomon’s heart was _____ the nation to worship.

II. God and Solomon’s _____:

“⁵In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night; and God said, ‘Ask what you wish me to give you.’” (2 Chron. 1:7; John 6:44)

God asked Solomon to share the _____ of his heart.

An Interlude (A Brief Look at Prayer in the New Testament):

1) Prayer is a _____ in the New Testament.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Matthew 7:7)

2) We need to be _____ in prayer.
(Colossians 4:2)

3) We need to be _____ and thankful in prayer.

4) We need to pray in _____. (Mark 11:24)

5) We need to pray _____ to God’s _____. (1 John 5:14)

6) We need to _____ in Christ and allow His _____ to abide in us. (John 15:7)

7) The church needs to be _____ to prayer.
(Acts 2:42)

“⁶Then Solomon said, ‘You have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father, according as he walked before You in truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward You; and You have reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.’”

Solomon praised the Lord for bestowing His _____ lovingkindness upon his father.

Notes (Psalm 57:10; Psalm 86:13; Psalm 145:8):

“⁷Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.”

Solomon _____ himself before the Lord.

“⁸Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted.”

Solomon praised the Lord for bestowing His _____ upon the people of Israel.

“⁹So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”

Solomon asked God to give him a “_____” so that he could judge between right and wrong.
(James 1:5-6)

“¹⁰It was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.”

God was _____ with what Solomon asked.

“¹¹God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice, ¹²behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.’”

God answered Solomon’s request by giving him a _____ and _____ heart.

“¹³I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days.”

The Lord promised to bless Solomon with _____ and _____ all of his life. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

“¹⁴If you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days.”

God told Solomon that if he walked in _____, He would grant him _____ life. (1 Kings 11:3-4)

“¹⁵Then Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and made peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.”

The _____ of God led Solomon into the _____ of God.

What should you do?

Choose to walk in the _____ of God!