

Lesson 3 — SOLOMON'S PRAYER FOR WISDOM — Selected passages from 1 Kings

1. (a) As you read Solomon's prayer from 1 Kings 3:5-9. What aspects of prayer do you notice? (*Example: praise in verse 6, humility in verse 7*) (b) What does Solomon ask God for? (c) Does God answer Solomon's prayer? See verses 10-14. (d) What does God promise to give Solomon besides wisdom?
2. What happened in verses 16-28 indicating that God answered Solomon's prayer for wisdom?
3. Read 1 Kings 10:1-13 and answer the following questions. (a) Who came to visit Solomon, and what was her motive? (b) What was her response as she observed the wisdom of Solomon? (c) What other quality seems to come with wisdom? See verse 8 and Proverbs 3:13. (d) Why is this true?
4. (a) From 1 Kings 11:1-8, what things did Solomon do that were unwise? (b) What was the Lord's response to this? See verses 9-43. (c) What does this teach you about man's responsibility when God answers prayer?
5. (a) How do you know if wisdom is from God or from the world? See James 3:13-18. (b) Would you say that your life manifests godly wisdom or earthly wisdom? How? (c) Recall a time when you know that God answered your request for wisdom.
6. (a) Why do you think it is important for believers to pray for wisdom? (b) What happens when we don't possess wisdom?
7. Define wisdom in your own words.
8. If God were to grant you one request, what would you ask him for and why?
9. Is there a situation you are facing today in which you need wisdom? Put your need in the form of a request to God. Why not ask Him for the "wisdom of Solomon?"