

The Wisdom of Solomon

Solomon became King after his father, David, and he demonstrated wisdom from the very beginning. However, there came a time when he ceased to follow his own advice. Let's trace his path of understanding:

David acknowledged Solomon's wisdom when he charged him to deal with those who had been disloyal and with those who had been loyal to David. (1 Kings 2:1-9). Solomon showed his strength and wisdom in many cases in his early days in dealing with Adonijah, Abiathar, Joab and Shimei (1 Kings 2:13-46). He showed that he could not be persuaded by his own mother, or fooled by his peers, or cowed by his enemies.

There may be a clue to Solomon's weakness in 1 Kings 3:2-5. Solomon lacked the wisdom to shun the practice of worshiping at the "high places." Nevertheless, he continued to use his wisdom for good, as in the case of the prostitutes who both claimed to be the mother of one child. (1 Kings 3:16-28)

His wisdom included scientific knowledge of such things as plant life and wildlife (1 Kings 4:29-34) and building technology (1 Kings 5-7). There was no conflict between science and faith in Solomon's mind. After 20 years of building, his kingdom was the envy of any king who ever lived (except One), yet God still warned him to follow his father, David's, example (1 Kings 9:4-9). He was less than fair in dealing with King Hiram (9:10-14) and it seems safe to say that Solomon was becoming materialistic. Whereas his father, David, would be warring against foreigners, Solomon was seeking to impress them. He built an imposing throne for himself and began to accumulate chariots and horses more for exhibition than for security (1 Kings 10:26-29). His lack of judgment and obedience is seen in the fact that he "loved many foreign wives" (1 Kings 11:1-3) This, of course, led him into idolatry (11:4-8) and the Lord's anger was raised against him. (11:9-13)

We can learn much from Solomon. When we read the book of Proverbs we get a taste of just how great a gift of wisdom God bestowed upon this man. When we read Ecclesiastes, we get an idea of the awful torment he went through as he squandered this gift of wisdom in an effort to show just how wise he was. Let us not ever become enamored of the idea that imposing, gold-plated thrones are the sign of wisdom and strength. The wisest, strongest King who ever lived on Earth never had a place to lay His head, and did not even have a grave of His own to be laid in. They would have made Him a throne to be proud of, and I'm sure He could have had all the women He wanted, but what He wanted was just to go home and take us all with Him.



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-7:00pm

All the churches of Christ greet you.

ROMANS 16:16

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Scripture: 1 Peter 4:1-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Tuesday, February 13th, 10am. We will be studying Day 3 of the second chapter.**
- Midweek Bible Study- stay tuned as this is a work in progress!
- **Bill Colwell from World Bible School in TX will be here on April 14th to do a workshop presentation for the purpose of getting us involved in using that very effective resource for reaching the lost all over the world, as well as locally.**
- **5th Sunday Regional Singing @ Horseheads, April 29th, 4:30pm.**
- **Housewarming Celebration- Thursday, May 31st- Sunday, June 3rd. Speakers TBD**

Next Potluck: February 18th. NEXT WEEK!



- We will be taking part in the baby bottle fund raiser for the Endless **Mountains Pregnancy Care Center** again this year.
- Our **baptistery** should arrive by the end of the week! Meanwhile, we are still taking quotes for a **water heater**. Plans are also underway for the **kitchen**.
- There has been a desire by a few of us to spend **more time together on a Sunday**. We have considered bringing a sandwich lunch and having a half hour or so afterwards singing, praying, discussing the sermon and talking about how to share our faith as well as playing games.

PRAYERS...

- **Jerry** has been suffering with leg pain.
- **Donald's daughter Cindy and her daughter Mariska** need prayer.
- We are thankful **Lani** has recovered from her illness. Please pray for **Darlene and Doug**, as they have had the flu last week.
- Pray for **Darlene** as she has tests. She has high cholesterol too. Also pray for success in finding an affordable place in Waverly for **Jackie** to move into.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** who has a mass on her lung. The cancer she had on her ear and neck almost 10 years ago has returned. She will be undergoing radiation soon.
- Pray for **Joshua Dunn**, who is suffering from lung cancer.
- **Lori Kashorek** has gone to Sloane-Kettering in NYC for treatment for her lung cancer.
- Pray for **Vicki Joice** as she continues Herceptin treatments. Vicki has also been down with the flu.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer throughout her body.
- **Emily Barry** plans to have thyroid surgery on the 6th of March. She has also been applying for jobs and would like prayers for that effort.
- **Ted** has had a spike in blood pressure recently. Pray that he can find out why and get it under control with the new medication he is trying.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer. Also, Ruthie asks for prayers for her friend and former workmate, **Nancy**, who has problems with her feet due to diabetes.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry :

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