

Let Us Ask God Wisdom

“1 And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly. 2 Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. 3 So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness. 4 But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjathjearim to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5 Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it. 6 And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before the LORD, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it. 7 In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. 8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. 9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. 10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? 11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: 12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like. 13 Then Solomon came from his journey to the high place that was at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel. 14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 15 And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that are in the vale for abundance. 16 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. 17 And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.” (2 Chronicles 1:1-17 KJV)

Wisdom is one of the things that we need in our lives and in our service and ministry unto God. From the Scriptures of 2 Chronicles 1 we can learn lot of valuable principles of wisdom in our lives.

If we go through the passage, we can notice that Solomon did certain actions that indicate that he has exercised wisdom and understanding in his life.

“1 And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.” (2 Chronicles 1:1 KJV) Solomon

here strengthened in his kingdom. God gave to King Solomon great things, and Solomon was able to see the good and the great things that God gave to him and he did his part when he appreciated what he had received from God. Solomon took what he received from God and build up on them new good things, that made God rewarded him for that as we can read, *“and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.”*

Do you see the good things that God gave you in your life? Do you appreciate the good things that God gave you in your life? Do you use these things that God gave you and start to build new things for God in your life from what you had received from Him?

Most of the time we do not recognize the good things that God gave to us and we do not focus positively in reading the circumstances around us; that is why we are not able to receive what King Solomon received in that “the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.”

Let us look into our lives and consider seriously all the good things that God gave to us and write them down and record them so we can go forward and strengthened ourselves in the proper way that God bestow on us to do and win His presence, His support to us and His approval to us in our lives.

Please do not say, that you are not a king like Solomon! Everyone of us is the son of the King of kings and we are the royal priesthood for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We have received the Kingdom of God, that which is of more riches than what King Solomon had received from God.

“2 Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. 3 So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.” (2 Chronicles 1:2-3 KJV) Hear we read that King Solomon spake to all Israel and we can conclude he spoke to them about going to God and to sacrifice to Him what is due for Him. *We need to have the same attitude and inclination of King Solomon; we need to continue to motivate the people and gather them and bring them with us to God and to His church, to the place that God wants us to gather and to bring to Him what due for Him. Solomon took the people to the tabernacle of the congregation, which is the Church of God today. In the same way, we need to do our part to direct the people toward God and toward His house, the Church of God.*

“4 But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjathjearim to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5 Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.” (2 Chronicles 1:4-5 KJV) Here we can see that there is two places that pertain to God. The first one in Gibeon where the tabernacle of God was there, and the second place is in Jerusalem where the ark of God, the ark of the covenant in a tent that David pitched for it in Jerusalem. How this happened, especially we know that the Ark of God is in the tent of the meeting and both of them need to be in the same place? Years before that, during the time of Eli the priest, when sin was there and he was careless to put an end of it, the Lord allowed the Israelites to lose a

battle with the Philistines, then the Israelites brought the ark of God without the tent of meeting to the battle field thinking with that the Lord shall fight for them. But since sin was still there, God allowed them to lose the battle and he allowed His ark to be taken captive by the Philistines, to discipline further His people who were living in sin.

Later on the Lord brought back the Ark of the Covenant but not to the tent of meeting in Shiloh but to Kirjathjearim and later on David brought it to Jerusalem. The tent of meeting which is the tabernacle of the congregation that was left in Shiloh, later on brought to Gibeon. So here we can see there was a division and the situation was confusing, but that did not hinder Solomon and the people with him to do their part toward God.

Even today, there might lot of hassles and division and grievances in the past and divisions on the ground, but still God is calling us accountable to do our part toward Him. God would restore things and achieve things on His own time, but we are accountable to do our part and not to ponder on things beyond our jurisdiction.

“6 And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before the LORD, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.” (2 Chronicles 1:6 KJV) Solomon did his part and went ahead to the bronze altar that was at the tabernacle of the congregation and offered to God. The bronze altar was the same altar that ***Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur***, did at the time of Moses.

Burnt offering, they do it by slaughtering the animal, like sheep or oxen, they let his blood flow out, then they will take the whole animal and burn it on the altar for God. *They offer the whole animal to God, in the same way God wants us to offer the whole parts of our body to Him without any reservation.* Solomon offered 1000 burnt offerings to God. A huge amount and size of a sacrifice, *therefore, in the same way God wants us to do the same, to offer all what we can to Him and for Him alone.*

“7 In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.” (2 Chronicles 1:7 KJV) After Solomon offered the 1000 burnt offerings, the Lord appeared to him in a dream in the night and asked him, to request what he wanted from God. Notice here that God appeared to Solomon not before he offered, but after he offered to God and was asked to request God whatever he wanted. *Many people they cannot understand the power of giving toward God. When we take such an attitude and offered to God in a generous way as Solomon did, we will receive the favour of God, His approval and His liberal giving and satisfaction to our wishes and our desires.*

Therefore today, take heed from the message, change your attitude toward God and your understanding about giving. The Lord would be going to bless you more, when you are willing to honour Him and to give freely to Him. You cannot outweigh God in giving. You will still receive more from Him, even more than that of what you gave to Him.

“8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead.” (2 Chronicles 1:8 KJV) Notice here, the grateful attitude of king Solomon toward God. He started answering the question of God not by requesting Him what he desired but by recalling the mercy of God with thankful and grateful attitude to all what the Lord mercifully did to David his father, and how God

installed him, as king instead of his father, King David. *Let us be thankful and grateful to God for all the mercies that He gave to our fathers and his extended mercies toward us being their children.*

Many times we forget the mercy of God and what He gave to our fathers, and how what He had given to them, had passed to us as inheritance.

We receives from our parents lot of material things, and we should not be failed to recognize that all these good things of lands, houses, wealth, gold, precious and valuable things, skills, professions, informations and keys, had came from God and we should not fail to thank Him for all that and how He passed them ultimately to us.

“9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.” (2 Chronicles 1:9 KJV) Here Solomon requested God to confirm and let it come to reality the Godly desire of his father King David into his life, to be king over Israel and that he will do his part well toward those people of God. Therefore Solomon asked God the following.

“10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?” (2 Chronicles 1:10 KJV) *We should discern the Godly desire of our parents in our lives, and we should ask God to fulfill in us what His plan dictates in our lives.* Solomon asked God to give Him wisdom and knowledge that will enable him to do well as judge over the people of God. Solomon recognized his need; not the lack in money, treasures, honour, long life, or the lack of enemies but his needs of wisdom, and knowledge to manage efficiently and properly what God had entrusted to him.

God had entrusted us with lot of things and we don't lack in any area as we lack in wisdom. Everyone of us is not less than King Solomon in what we received from God. The Lord had given us lot of things, even more than King Solomon had, but we lack wisdom and knowledge of how we would handle them and manage them and manage our relationship with the people.

“11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king.” (2 Chronicles 1:11 KJV) God commended Solomon what he asked of Him. God asked Solomon what he needs, to see if he was aware of what he was really in need. Because even if God would give him what he need but he is unaware of that, he will not be able to recognize, grasp and receive, what God was giving to him. *In the same way for you if you cannot recognize what you need, you will not be able to grasp and receive it when God is giving it to you.*

If you don't have the wisdom to manage the material things then what is the value to receive more riches and wealth? If you are still looking to have honour then you are not aware that you are the son of the King of kings and your name is written in heaven. If you are still looking for longer life, then you forgot that you have eternal life and you will live with God forever. If you are still asking God to remove certain people whom you consider them your

enemies, then you are not aware, those people whom you wish to be removed, they might be replaced with people who are even worse than they.

If we don't know how to handle people and resources, then the problem reside in us and not in what we have, and for this reason we really need to ask God wisdom and knowledge to handle what God is giving to us.

“12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.” (2 Chronicles 1:12 KJV) When God saw that Solomon knew what he lack, he gave him wisdom and knowledge and further he gave him more riches, wealth and honour because with the wisdom of God he will know how to handle resources and relationships.

We receive wisdom from God when we start to fear Him and when we start to humble ourselves before Him and be willing to walk in His ways. If we don't fear God and if we don't have humility then we cannot receive the wisdom of God.

“13 Then Solomon came from his journey to the high place that was at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.” (2 Chronicles 21:13 KJV) After Solomon received wisdom from God he went back to reign over Israel with the wisdom that God had given to Him. What we can conclude here is that we don't need to receive more material things from God, because what we have is enough, but we just need wisdom so we manage better and precisely what God had given to us.

“14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.” (2 Chronicles 1:14 KJV) Solomon with the wisdom that he received from God was able to have huge number of chariots and horsemen whom he had placed in the chariot cities and in Jerusalem. We can do the same progress when we focus to receive the wisdom of God that will enable us to do better and achieve great things.

“15 And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that are in the vale for abundance.” (2 Chronicles 1:15 KJV) With the wisdom that God gave him, Solomon multiplied the precious things as silver and gold and cedar trees and made them in number as stones and as the ordinary trees. We can achieve the same, when we focus to receive the wisdom of God and work and manage our resources, affairs and relationships using the wisdom of God.

“16 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. 17 And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.” (2 Chronicles 1:16-17 KJV) Here Solomon and his merchants started to bring linen yarn, chariots and horses at a certain price from Egypt and

they will sell it to the kings of the Hittites and for the kings of Syria by a higher price. So they were able to make riches by the wisdom that God gave to them.

My Dear and Beloved:

- Let us humble ourselves before God
- Let us start to fear Him and walk in His ways
- Let us see all the good things that He had given to us
- Let us do our part and appreciate all the things that we had received from him whether small or big
- Let us do our part toward Him and toward His Church.
- Let us motivate the people, and direct them toward Him and toward His church.
- Let us discern what we really lack and stop grumbling against God and against others
- Let us appreciate all what we had received from God through the lives of our parents and ancestors
- Let us ask God wisdom and let us believe that we can do better with the wisdom of God with what we have received from Him from treasures, wealth, honour, peoples and relationships

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life.

Lord I thank you for the teaching that I had received from your Word. Lord thank you for the understanding that I received from your Word.

Lord I repent from the following sins _____. Lord I renounce pride, grumbling, lack of humility and lack of the fear of yours and your wisdom.

Lord I thank you for all what I received from you from wealth, riches, honour and from people around me and under my care. Lord I thank you for all what I received from you through my parents and ancestors

Lord I commit myself to the principles that I received from your message and to apply them into my life. Lord I humble myself into your hand and I ask you to give me wisdom and knowledge to manage all the good and the precious things that I had received from you.

Lord I commit myself to honour you with my giving and to do the things that will please you. Lord protects me so I can continue to serve you. Lord gives me wisdom how to handle my enemies and those who oppose me. Lord gives me wisdom to use all what you provided for me. Lord gives me more of the fruit of the Holy Spirit to have the character and the attitude of Jesus in my life. Lord uses my life to be good example to others to know you and to follow you through my life. Lord fill me with the Holy Spirit to go and preach your Word and to evangelize and to reach new people and to disciple them.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who committed themselves to the principle of this message of yours and humble themselves to obey and apply your Word in their lives and to

ask wisdom to manage their lives with your wisdom; Lord blesses them, and sustains them and provides all their needs so they will continue to serve you. Lord above all give them wisdom and knowledge to manage the affairs of their lives according to your will. Lord increases their faith and their trust in you and helps them to go on and overcome the obstacles that are ahead of them. Lord fights on their behalf and don't allow the enemy to hinder them from progressing forward.

Lord I pray that you will go before us as a church and lead us to streets, buildings, cities, villages to reach new people and to bring Jesus into their lives. Lord gives us wisdom to manage our lives in a better way with your wisdom. Lord helps us that our life example will be attractive to others to know you and to follow you. Lord refills us once again with the Holy Spirit so that we can go and evangelize and make new disciples and complete the work that you ordained for us to do. Lord helps us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hands be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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