



In just eleven chapters, the Bible tells the story of one of the most interesting people who ever lived—Solomon. Imagine what it would have been like to be his biographer, living in the days of this king’s reign and feeling the impact of his decisions.

Today Solomon is remembered as the wisest man who ever lived, and maybe one of the most foolish. Join Mart DeHaan, Elisa Morgan, and Bill Crowder as we dive into the account of Solomon’s story and learn to examine our own hearts and testimony.



THIS WEEK’S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read 1 Kings 3:5–15. How would you have responded if God said to you, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you”? How might you be challenged by Solomon’s response?
- In 1 Kings 3:16–27, we see the first evidence of Solomon’s wisdom as he settles a dispute between two grieving women standing on the lowest rung of Israel’s social ladder. How does this moment remind you of similar moments in Jesus’ life? (John 8:1–11).
- What do we learn from the contrasting account of Solomon’s visit with the Queen of Sheba (1 Kings 10:1–9, 24)?
- What led to Solomon’s ultimate demise in 1 Kings 11:1–10? How are our hearts susceptible to the same?
- In the early days of Solomon’s reign over Israel, he explained in a dream why wisdom was more important to him than anything else (1 Kings 3:7–9). How does the rest of his life show our need for the true and greater Solomon (Matthew 12:42), who became the true and greater wisdom for us (1 Corinthians 1:22–25)?



CHALLENGE

Watch for moments in your day that show the importance of wisdom. As obstacles and open doors show up, ask God for the priceless wisdom found not in following Solomon but in fixing our hearts and minds on the mercy and Spirit of Jesus.



COMMIT TO MEMORY

“Give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong” (1 Kings 3:9)



PRAYER

Father, please use the story of Solomon to help us see our need for the wisdom You have given to us in your Son, who is our Savior and Lord.