

34. Solomon's Wisdom

In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. (1 Kings 3:5, 12-13 KJV)

And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the see shore. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men: than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Herman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop the springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fishes. And there came of all people to hear wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

Now two prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. One of them said, "My lord, this woman and I live in the same house. I had a baby while she was there with me. The third day after my child was born, this woman also had a baby..."

During the night this woman's son died because she lay on him. she ... took my son from my side ... put him by her breast and her dead son by my breast... The other woman said, "No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours"

Then the king said, "...Cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other."

The woman whose son was alive was filled with compassion... "Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don't kill him!"

But the other said, "Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two."

Then the king gave his ruling: "Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother."

...Israel ...held the king in awe, because they saw he had wisdom from God to administer justice. (1 King 3:16-19, 20, 22, 24, 25-27 NIV)



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