

INTRODUCTION

- * In our study of the biblical history of Israel we have transitioned into the reign of Solomon.
- * Last week we examined how Solomon established his throne by securing the interior and the borders.
- * As David is considered the man after God's own heart, so Solomon is referred to as the wisest man who ever lived. But as the Word of God is clear regarding David's failures, so it is clear regarding those of Solomon.
- * If God were to give you the opportunity to ask for whatever you wanted, what would you ask for? Would you ask for a longer life, more money, or the healing of a close friend or relative? Your first reaction to that question would share a lot about your focus.
- * Today, we examine one of the highlights of Solomon's reign ... by considering his response to that question.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE RE_____T (1 Kings 3:4-15; 2 Chr 1:1-13)

A. ... Of YHWH (1 Kg 3:5; 1 Chr 1:7)

1. THE SETTING (1 Kings 3:4; 2 Chr 1:1-6)
2. THE OFFER

B. ... Of Solomon (1 Kg 3:6-15; 1 Chr 1:8-13)

1. THE _____ASIS OF HIS REQUEST (1 Kings 3:4; 2 Chr 1:1-6)
 - a. God's _____
 - b. His _____ (cf. 2 Sam 3:2-5; 5:4-5; 11:1-12:25; 1 Kgs 3:1; 14:21)
2. THE _____ASIS OF HIS REQUEST

II. THE RE_____T

A. The Extent of Solomon's W_____ (1 Kg 3:10-13; 4:1-28; 1 Chron 1:12-17)

1. THE A_____ATION OF O_____ (1 Kg 4:1-19)
2. THE A_____ATION OF O_____ (1 Kg 4:20-28; 1 Chron 1:12-17)

B. The Extent of Solomon's W_____ (1 Kg 3:16-28; 4:29-34; 1 Chron 1:12)

1. THE D_____ON (1 Kings 3:16-28)
2. THE C_____ON (1 Kings 4:29-34)

INTROSPECTION

- * SO, FOR WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ASKED GOD?
- * DO YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR LIMITATIONS? WHAT IS ONE SPECIFIC AREA WITH WHICH YOU NEED TO ASK GOD TO HELP YOU?
- * ARE YOU TRULY GRATEFUL FOR THE MERCIFUL, LOVING-KINDNESS THAT GOD HAS BESTOWED UPON YOU?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?