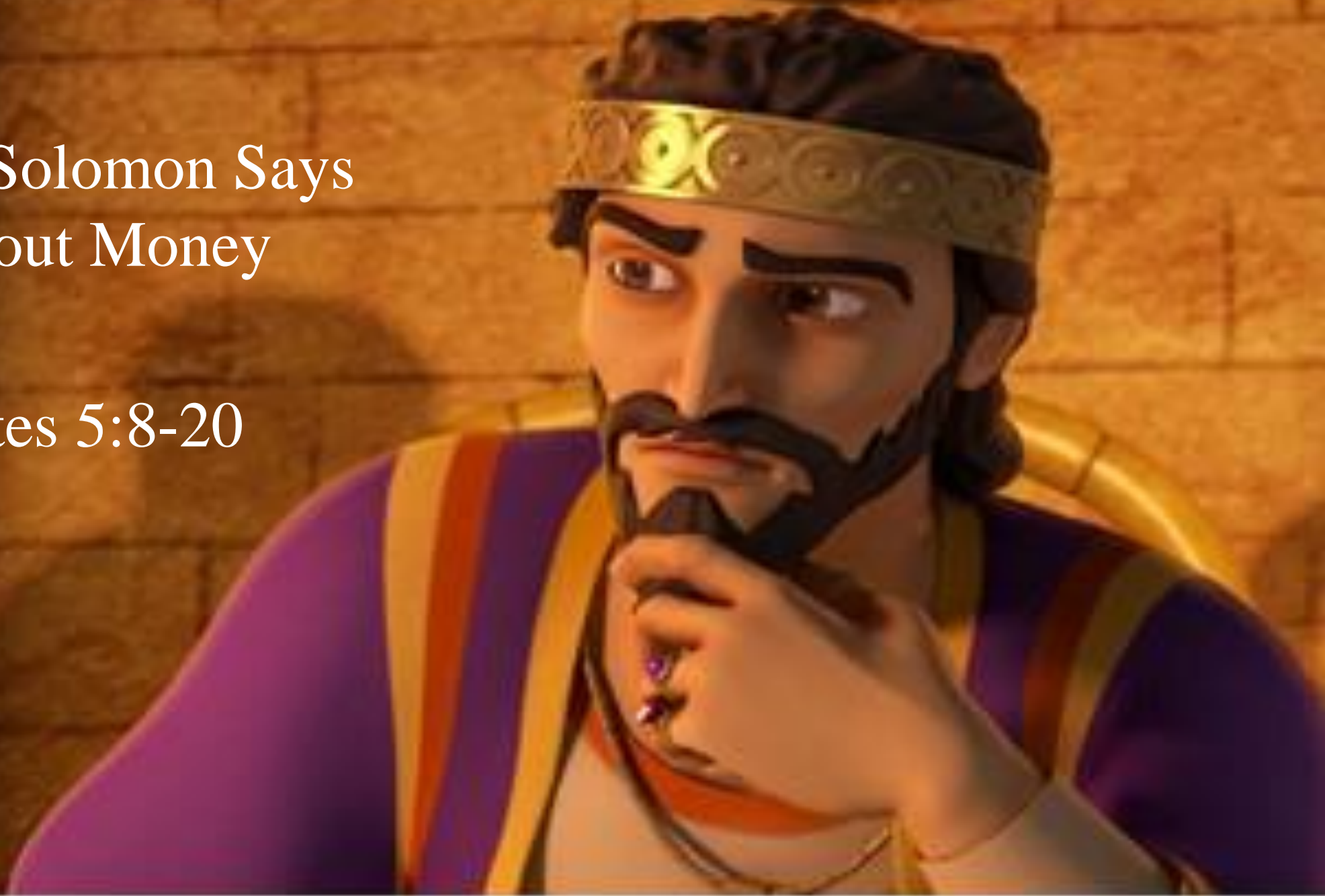


What Solomon Says
About Money

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20



I. Poverty is All Around Us (vv. 8-9)

Three practical things emerge from this text

(1) We need to see it rather than ignore it

(2) We need to respond to it rather than
react to it

(3) We can elect officials rather than elect
to be uninvolved.

II. Prosperity Will Never Satisfy Us (vv. 10-12)

A. Wealth Invites a Crowd (v. 11)

B. Wealth Promotes Worry (v. 12)

III. Productivity May Ruin Us (vv. 13-17)

You can lose something as quickly as you can
gain it.

In the 1929 stock market crash, some business
executives jumped out of their windows
and committed suicide because they were so
depressed.

IV. Priority Will Preserve Us (vv. 18-20)

A. The Priority of Enjoyment

Learn to enjoy the simple things in life.

B. The Priority of Contentment

IV. Priority Will Preserve Us (vv. 18-20)

David said, “The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.”

Let God keep you busy with the joy of your heart. (Hebrews 13:5)

Which tent do you live in

The tent of content or discontent?