THE KING WHO HAD IT ALL

THE STORY

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Chapter THIRTEEN

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The Story of Solomon



I Kings 3:5-15

- ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."
 - ⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David,

I Kings 3:5-15

because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties.

I Kings 3:5-15

8Your servant is here among the people You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number

- ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"
- 10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this

I Kings 3:5-15

11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice,

I Kings 3:5-15

¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you,

nor will there ever be.

Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.

I Kings 3:5-15

- ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."
- 15 Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

I Kings 4:29

God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding asmeasureless as the sand on the seashore

I Corinthians 1:30

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

James 3:17

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere

Kings 4:32

³² He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five.

I Kings 3:12

¹² behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

In our study of PROVERBS this week we look at one of the few Old Testament books that state their purpose clearly at the start. In (Pr.1:2-7) we find a twofold purpose:

I.Build Moral Character (1:3-5)

3To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion

2.Build Mental Wisdom (1:2,6)

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding
 - 6 for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise

The <u>five</u> wisdom books in the Bible are: Job, Psalms, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes and <u>Proverbs</u>

How Christ is Revealed in the Wisdom Books of the Bible

In Job He is our <u>Sure Redeemer</u>. This book gives the <u>truth</u> from God on <u>Suffering</u>

In Psalms He is our **Shepherd**. This book gives the **truth** from God on **worship**

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In Proverbs He is <u>Wisdom</u> Incarnate. This book gives the <u>truth</u> from God on <u>living</u> (principles not promises).

In Ecclesiastes He is the only hope of Contentment. This book gives the truth from God on life

The <u>five</u> wisdom books in the Bible are: Job, Psalms, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes and <u>Proverbs</u>

In Song of Solomon He is our <u>Beloved</u>. This book gives the truth from God on <u>loving</u>

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The three books Solomon wrote may have arisen from the three stages of his life Song of Solomon from the <u>young</u> man in <u>love</u> Proverbs from the <u>wisdom</u> of a <u>mature</u> man at his zenith.

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Ecclesiastes from an <u>old</u> and <u>bitter</u> man looking back on his <u>wasted</u> opportunities

Outline of Ecclesiastes

The Preface (1:1-7)

A.The author and the literary form (1:1)

B.The purpose of the book (1:2-6)

C.The theme of the book (1:7)

- A. The value of wisdom in giving honor (1:8-9)
 B. The value of wisdom in preserving from disaster (1:10-33)
 - C. The moral values of wisdom (chap. 2)
 - D. The blessings of wisdom (3:1-12)
 - E. The high value of wisdom (3:13-20)
- F. The value of wisdom in building <u>relationships</u> with others (3:21-35)
 - G. An exhortation to acquire wisdom (4:1-9)

H. WISDOM PRESERVES FROM

<u>DISASTER</u>(4:10-19)

I. WISDOM STRENGTHENS <u>PHYSICAL</u>

<u>HEALTH</u> (4:20-27)

J. WISDOM PROTECTS FROM

<u>IMMORALITY</u> (chap. 5)

- K. WISDOM GUARDS AGAINST UNWISE POVERTY (6:1-11)
 - L. WISDOM HOLDS BACK <u>DISSENSION</u> (6:12-19)
 - M. WISDOM PRESERVES <u>PURITY</u> (6:20-7:27)
 - N. WISDOM REWARDS TRUE SEEKERS (8:1-21)

- O. WISDOM PLEASES OUR CREATOR (8:22-36)
 - P. WISDOM EXCELS FOLLY (chap. 9)
 - The Proverbs of Solomon (10:1-22:16)
- A. THE FOLLY OF INIQUITY (chaps.10-15)
- B. THE GLORY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (16:1-

22:16)

The Proverbs of Solomon

- The Sayings of the Wise Men (22:17-24:34)
 - A. Thirty sayings of the wise (22:17-24:22)
- B. Additional sayings of the wise (24:23-34)
 - The Proverbs of Solomon Collected by Hezekiah's Men (chaps. 25-29)
 - The Words of Agur (chap. 30)

The Proverbs of Solomon

- A. Introduction (30:1)
- B. Knowledge about God (30:2-9)
- C. Observations about life (30:10-33)

The Words of Lemuel (31:1-9)

The Noble Wife (31:10-31)

The book of Proverbs Gives Three Basic Categories of Proper Relationships.

1. Man to self

Character [20:11]; anger [29:11]; wealth [1:4] and foolishness [6:10-11].

Wisdom [1:5]; pride [27:1]; speech [18:21]; laziness [13:4]; self control [6:9-11] and kindness [3:3].

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2. Man to man

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Love [8:17]; friends [17:17]; enemies [19:27]; gossip [20:19] and truthfulness [23:23].
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Fathers [20:7]; mothers [31:11-31]; children [3:1-3]; education in the home [4:1-4] and discipline in the home [22:6].

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3. Man to God

In death [15:11]; fear of God [1:7]; sin [28:13] and rewards and punishment [12:28].

In righteousness [10:25]; tests [17:3]; blessing [10:22]; commandments [6:23]; humility [3:34]; and trust [22:19].

Wisdom

Proverbs 8:27-29 When he prepared the heavens, I [was] there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: 28 When he established the clouds above: 29 when he appointed the foundations of the earth: (KJV)

The Word

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. (KJV)

Proverbs 8:30 Then I was by him, [as] one brought up [with him]: and I was daily [his] delight, rejoicing always before him; (KJV)

Hebrews 1:2 by [his] Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (KJV)

Proverbs 8:22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. (KJV)

Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. (KJV)

Proverbs 8:30 Then I was by him, [as] one brought up [with him]: and I was daily [his] delight, rejoicing always before him; (KJV)

Luke 3:22 Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. (KJV)

John 17:24 for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. (KJV)

Proverbs 8:14 Counsel [is] mine, and sound wisdom: I [am] understanding; I have strength.
(KJV)

1 Corinthians 1:30 But ¹by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God

Proverbs 2:4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as [for] hid treasures; (KJV)

Colossians 2:3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (KJV)

Proverbs 1:33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. (KJV)

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (KJV)

Proverbs 8:1, 4 Doth not wisdom cry Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice [is] to the sons of man. (KJV)

John 7:37 In the last day, that great [day] of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. (KJV)

Proverbs 8:35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

(KJV)

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. (KJV)

Proverbs 8:20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: (KJV)

Psalm 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (KJV))

Proverbs 30:4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what [is] his name, and what [is] his son's name, if thou canst tell? (KJV)

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. (KJV)

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, [even] in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. (KJV)