

E2E- Part 83

1 Kings (1-2) - 3

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1. King David is aging and growing physically weak. Despite another son trying to seize the throne, David and Bathsheba's son Solomon is anointed as the next king with David's blessing.
2. David's deep relationship with the Lord and his desire to honor God were undoubtedly passed down to Solomon, as David taught his son to love God's Word.
3. David's death marks the end of the most momentous reign in the nation's history, and his legacy is carried on through Solomon, who waited patiently to succeed his father.
4. Solomon marries an Egyptian princess, which enhances his international status but simultaneously begins a slippery slope to a spiritual downfall.
5. 1 Kings 3:3 notes that Solomon is known for loving the Lord, except for one thing: He makes his sacrifices on the "high places," which violates God's commandments on how He should be worshipped because these altars were once connected to idol worship.
6. God's question to Solomon, "Ask what you wish," was meant to stimulate a deeper faith. The emphasis is on God's kindness rather than human righteousness.
7. In response, Solomon states that he is unqualified. He requests from God a discerning heart so that he may govern with truth and justice.
8. Biblical wisdom means having a right understanding of reality. This includes understanding, insight, and intelligence.
9. Solomon was wise beyond his years even before God granted him Heavenly wisdom. Otherwise, he might have asked for riches, honor, or great power.
10. James 1:5 encourages by reminding us that we can ask God for wisdom in faith, and He will grant it. Jesus is the source of all wisdom.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Reya (rake); empty; worthless: void

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Whole Heart (Hold Me Now)
Thank You Jesus for the Blood
Great I Am

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In 1 Kings 1, David is growing old and weak, and Adonijah tries to take the throne without God's approval.

- What does this reveal about human ambition versus God's appointed plans?
- How do we sometimes try to "take the throne" in our own lives instead of waiting on God's timing?

Consider the thought: David's deep relationship with the Lord and his desire to honor God were undoubtedly passed down to Solomon.

- How do you think David's love for God and His Word influenced Solomon's early life and decisions?
- What can this teach us about spiritual legacy and mentorship?
- Who are you influencing or "raising up" in your own life?

In 1 Kings 3:3, Solomon is described as someone who loved the Lord – but still worshipped at the high places.

- What does this teach us about partial obedience or spiritual compromise?
- Are there places in your life where love for God coexists with compromise?

God tells Solomon, "Ask what you wish."

- What would your honest answer be if God asked you that today?
- What does Solomon's response teach us about what truly matters to God in leadership and life?

Solomon asks for wisdom, not wealth or power. Read James 1:5 and consider:

- How does this reflect his heart posture, and how does it challenge your own prayer?
- How does the promise of James 1:5 apply to your current season?

Reflection:

Solomon began his reign by seeking wisdom from God. What would it look like for you to begin each day, each decision, each challenge by seeking God's wisdom first.

Take a moment to ask: "God, what wisdom do I need from You today?"