

## E2E- Part 85

### The Proverbs

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1. In Matthew 12, Jesus rebukes the religious leaders for their unbelief, warning that the Queen of Sheba will rise in judgment against them and declaring, "Something greater than Solomon, the temple, or Jonah is here."
2. Solomon's greatness is known worldwide and it reaches the Queen of Sheba. She travels 1,500 miles with a camel caravan to verify his reputation. Not only is he known for his wisdom, but because his wisdom is associated with the name of the LORD.
3. The Queen brings enormous quantities of gifts such as expensive spices, gold, many precious stones. The amount of gold is so extreme that it would likely take 20 camels to carry it. These gifts indicate that she is extremely wealthy.
4. She not only lays all of these gifts and cargo before Solomon, but she also lays all that is on her mind. She likely has difficult, diplomatic questions that are important to her as a ruler.
5. Upon witnessing Solomon's wisdom, the Queen of Sheba was overwhelmed, declaring his greatness exceeded all reports and recognizing his wisdom as a gift from God.
6. Just as Solomon's life reflects God's gifts, our talents, wealth, and opportunities should also point others to Him.
7. While the Queen of Sheba eagerly sought wisdom from Solomon, many today reject Jesus despite having full access to God's Word, and her faith will stand in judgment against them.
8. Jesus is greater than Solomon and any other because He is the creator of all, the embodiment of wisdom, and the ultimate conqueror of sin and death, offering eternal salvation.

## GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

**Polus** (pol-oos´); much — abundant, + altogether, + far (beyond), + great

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

There is One Gospel  
Holy Forever

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Who is someone you personally know that you would consider to have godly wisdom? Share one of the nuggets of wisdom you recall learning from them.

What is one of your favorite proverbs from the Bible? Perhaps one you've applied often or at significant points in your life? How have you applied it? Why was or is it meaningful to you?

Mark mentioned several examples of gifts God can give to people like wealth, intellect, hospitality, understanding, and athleticism. As Solomon did, we are called by God to recognize, develop, and use the gifts and blessings He has given us to bring greater glory and honor to Him and advance His kingdom (see James 1:17, 2 Tim 1:6-7, Rom 12:6-8).

- What would you say is a gift that God has given to you that you are seeking to faithfully use for His glory and honor?
- How are you intentionally seeking to use it?
- Is there a gift you have that you'd like to use more so in this way that you haven't understood how to yet?

Take some time to pray for one another's God-given gifts - specifically and in general. Pray that they would be better discerned, developed, and deployed in ways that further God's purposes and increase our joy of being used by Him. That we too, like Solomon, would be enthusiastic servants of God.