

## The Knowledge and Wisdom of Solomon

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The Bible is the greatest teacher of wisdom and knowledge the world has ever known. The Bible has one critical thing that all other great writing does not – It has the presence of God.

**Today we are going to look at how Solomon entered into the presence of God and became the wisest person who ever lived.**

The Bible is full of what we call Wisdom Teachings.

- Proverbs, Job, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and countless other passages throughout the Bible.

I am going to explain to you how the Bible answers difficult questions.

1. First, we must find a person or a situation that depicts the situation perfectly. In other words, we cannot be distracted by other issues.
2. Then, the story is told depicting the problem and proposing solutions.
3. Causing us to reflect on the nature of God and our relationship with him.

### The Prayer of Solomon

Solomon is a unique leader in the history of the world and the history of the Bible.

- Solomon had military power and control.
- Solomon had legal power and control.
- Solomon had political power and control.
- Solomon had family or relational power and control.
- Solomon had financial power and control.

The story of Solomon is also the story of the Ark of the Covenant and the presence of God.

Solomon is used to demonstrate one key point and that is, **“You will never be content, wise or what the Bible calls perfect and complete without godly wisdom, knowledge and the presence of God.”**

## **2 Chronicles 1:1-10**

Solomon has it all and God says,

“What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!”

### **The Ark of the Covenant**

The presence of God in this story is represented by the Ark of the Covenant.

The Ark of the Covenant contained:

- The two tablets of Moses – The word of God.
- A container of Mana – The provision of God.
- The Rod of Aaron – The miraculous power of God.

Covered by the Mercy Seat – The forgiveness of God.

Let's follow the journey of the Ark of the Covenant.

1. The Ark of God was captured by the Philistines.
  - a. Disrespected and abused.
2. The Ark returned to the Israeli village of Beth-Shemesh
  - a. Fringe, some of the children of Israel disrespected the Ark.
3. The village of Beth-Shemesh sent it to Kiriath-Jearim.
  - a. Hidden and ignored.
4. Then David moved the Ark to the house of Obed-Edom. Honoured and respected bringing blessing.
5. Then David moved the Ark to Jerusalem. Prominance.

We must go up into the presence of God.

Sometimes we don't go into the presence of God because we:

- Allow our enemies to control the presence of God.
- Disrespect the presence of God.
- Ignore the presence of God.

- Have a pastor look after the presence of God for us.

Solomon goes into the presence of God with an offering for all that live under his blessing.

## **2 Chronicles 1:7-10**

Solomon had it all and he asks for wisdom and knowledge in the presence of God. What do we ask for?

Lord give me wisdom and knowledge in the presence of God .

- About the Word of God or to know God.
  - To learn, grow and follow the call of God
- About the provision of God.
  - To have needs met in Jesus name
- About the miraculous of God.
  - To experience and encounter the miraculous of God
- About the forgiveness of God.
  - To be covered in the forgiveness of God so I can stay in His presence.

Let's Pray! The Prayer of Solomon.

Lord God, You showed great and faithful love to David, Lord show me that same great and faithful love. I thank you, Lord, that you have created me to be the person I am in you. O Lord God, please continue to keep me in your presence! Give me the wisdom and knowledge to be the person you have called me to be and to do the things you have called me to do in Jesus name we pray. Amen