

True Strength Is Wisdom
1 Kings 3:1-15, Pew Bible p. 282
February 12, 2023

I. The Spiritual Backdrop of Solomon's Dream (V. 1-4)

A. True strength is wisdom because people cannot obey God's law without God's help.

II. Solomon's Request (V. 5-9)

A. True strength is wisdom because it enables us to imitate the godliness in others while rejecting the ungodliness in others.

B. True strength is wisdom because it is the only way we can respond to sin the way we should.

C. True strength is wisdom because it can only come from the almighty God.

III. God's Answer (V. 10-14)

A. True strength is wisdom because it teaches us how to rightly respond to God's blessings.

IV. Solomon's Response (V. 15)

A. True strength is wisdom because it makes God our confidence.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Kings 3:1-15.
2. How could Solomon love God and yet still worship in an improper way, as verse 3 says? Are there people today who love God, but do worship Him in an unbiblical manner? Why? What can Christians do to protect themselves from that?
3. Who are some godly people around you whose relationship with Christ you want to have? How can you pray to imitate godliness around you, like Solomon did in verse 6?
4. Have you ever received wisdom you know came from God that helped you discern between good and evil, as Solomon implies in verse 9? How did that help you lead others?
5. Why do you think God gave Solomon what he asked as well as what he didn't ask? Has God ever given you more than you asked for? Why?
6. How can you adjust your prayer life to ask God for the best things and leave the extra things up to Him?
7. Pray for our church members to be on mission to all people. Consider coming to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center across the hall from the Choir Room.

Church Bible Reading Plan

1 Chronicles 28-29

February Memory Verses: 2 Kings 22:11-13

Job 28:24-28

²⁴ “For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. ²⁵ When he gave to the wind its weight and apportioned the waters by measure, ²⁶ when he made a decree for the rain and a way for the lightning of the thunder, ²⁷ then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out. ²⁸ And he said to man, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

- PRAYING through Psalm 11, praising God for seeing everything that is done.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia;
Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West,
Glendale, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Marge D. (son, Matthew); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Rezwana D. (parents); Charity M. (daughter)
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Gertrude A. (granddaughter); Family of John E.; Debbie & John P. (her brother);
Carolyn & Billy H. (her father); and Celeste E. (grandmother)
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Debbie B. (health issues); Ann C.-W. (headaches);
Mary R. (transplant recovery); Stan & Twyla H. (health & other issues); Mimi M. (health issues);
Michelle LaM. (health issues); Debbie P. (health issues); Ken & Darlene R. (health issues);
Marge D. (health issues); Don R. (pneumonia and broken ribs); Joe B. (back surgery recovery);
Kaitlyn D. (pregnancy concerns); Laura M. (health issues); Gaylon K. (infection recovery);
Mike P. (in hospital); and Gary C. (in hospital)
- Others that you are aware of