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Need for Godly Wisdom

Lesson from King Solomon – 1 Kings 3:1-28

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15

The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

For your added benefit, there is also included six daily bible readings that supplement the theme of each sermon. Take time to gather your loved ones to read and discuss the texts.

If you have any further questions relating to the sermon, sermon notes or would like to learn more about how to become a member of Christ Reformed Baptist Church, please do not hesitate to contact

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INTRODUCTION

- Like Solomon, we too have a great need and dependency upon the wisdom of God in living out the Christian life.
- It's important to note that the narrative which unfolds in today's text is not a glorification of wisdom itself, but rather a recognition of God's wisdom for the purpose of our service unto Him.

vv.1 A Sign of Power and Might

v.1 The marriage is significant, because according to ancient history Pharaoh's daughter had never been given to a foreign king.

- The context of the Chapter does not necessitate this was displeasing to the LORD.

v.2 Convenient Worship vs. Acceptable Worship

- Always remember that God's forbearance of wrong doing is not a token of disinterest in the affairs of His creation, but rather a way in which He uses all things to work out His overall redemptive gospel plan.

- An important observation for our use: What was the REASON for this?

1. Convenience 2. Pomp/Display

- Deu 12:32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

vv.3-4 Fuel for Worship – Love toward God

- The Hebrew word for 'love' captures the intimate and total depth of feeling and emotion capable by us as humans. (Gen 22:2; 37:3)

- 1,000 burnt offerings! Was not likely all at once, nor for a mere display of extravagance, it had reverent and special meaning not for mere show.

vv.5-9 God's Offer & Solomon's Reply

- Observation#1 this teaches us something concerning the significance related to our own worship.

- Observation#2 upon salvation, there is an organic submissive and teachable heart which desire's to worship the Lord as He has revealed.

- The dream won't be an 'authoritative' dream by which you can declare it to be divinely given you by God himself and from it dictate doctrine or teaching.

- How tragic it would've been if Solomon had not responded!

> Unbelievers – ask for mercy. Saints – ask for Ave. of service.

- What manner or style is our prayer to be when seeking to secure from God a certain answer for some gift or some ability to better serve Him?
- vv.7-8 Solomon admits his true needs before God, and in doing so demonstrates again faith in God. ‘thou hast made’ and ‘thy people which thou hast chosen’.
- v.9 Choosing Wisdom - “understanding” in the Hebrew a *hearing heart* or a *listening heart*.
- He didn’t ask for wisdom for himself, he asked for wisdom for the service of the LORD.

vv.10-12 Pleasing God and Receiving Wisdom

- “pleased” Hebrew meaning “good to the eyes”.
- Observation: There were several elements that made this prayer/request of Solomon good to the eyes of God’ – They were:
 1. Responding to God’s invitation to ask for a blessing.
 2. Expressing gratitude to God and His indebtedness to Him.
 3. Coming to God in humility, in faith and sincere belief.
 4. He was ready to accept the conditions attached to any gift or opportunity that God may have given Solomon.
 5. Solomon acknowledged the difficulty of the task and his own inadequacy
 6. He want the blessing and the gift for the purpose of serving God and His people.
- Dear friends, if we come like this to God in our own prayers, then what is said of Solomon in v.10 will be true of us.

vv.13-14 God’s Additional Blessing

- 1.Solomon received wisdom because he asked for it.
 2. Solomon received wealth and honor, because he didn’t ask for it.
 - 3.Solomon was promised length of days, if he deserved it. (died at 70yrs)
- Not an absolute principal, but it is here in this verse (Robert McCheyne/Scotland died at 29yrs)

v.15 Worship Transformed

The godly wisdom that Solomon had, led him to an acceptable worship.

vv.16-28 Wisdom is Applied

Pray and Read the Bible together as a family this week.

Individual/Family Worship Bible Readings

Monday > Deuteronomy 4:5-8 (Wisdom and the Word)

Tuesday > 1 Chronicles 1:7-13 (Wisdom and Humility)

Wednesday > Psalm 111:1-10 (Wisdom and Reverence)

Thursday > Proverbs 9:1-12 (Wisdom and Understanding)

Friday > James 1:2-8 (Wisdom and Maturity)

Saturday > James 3:13-18 (Wisdom and Peace)

Thought of the week :

He who learns the rules of wisdom without conforming to them in his life is like a man who labors in his fields but fails to reap the harvest.

These resources are never intended to replace the involvement or instruction of your local church where you are a member, only to supplement your continued growth in the truth of God's Word.

If you do not have a home church we encourage you to search out a bible preaching, reverent worshipping assembly of local believers.