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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1523 ~ The Wisdom of Solomon.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

When God asked King Solomon as a young man what God should give him, Solomon asked for wisdom and understanding. Solomon knew he needed God's help to govern so great a number of people. God granted Solomon's desire and he became very well known for his wise sayings. Although Solomon spoke some 3000 proverbs, only 900 are written in the Bible book of Proverbs for us to learn from.

Solomon's wise sayings travelled far beyond the borders of his own country and he had a constant stream of visitors to his palace. One of these visitors was the Queen of Sheba, who we mentioned last week. She wanted to learn from Solomon too.

The Queen of Sheba went to great effort to see King Solomon for herself. When we see something, we often remember the thing much better than if we don't. When we get to heaven we will see our Lord as He is. Many people want to go to heaven to escape going to hell but would they be happy with a heaven that did not have the Lord of Glory there.

The Queen of Sheba thought the long journey of 1,200 miles was achievable and planned to do it. Some people faced with a difficult task are defeated in their minds before they start the job. They say: "It's too hard!" A famous missionary to India said: "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God." And over his lifetime, he did just that.

The Queen learnt many things from Solomon which she took back to her kingdom and put into practice. We too, can learn much about God but if we never carry these truths out, we and those around us don't receive the benefits of our knowledge.

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Having learnt many wise sayings from Solomon, the Queen of Sheba was determined to put them into practice in her own kingdom.

The Queen of Sheba took Solomon's practical teachings of how to deal with undisciplined children, discontented wives, lazy men who would not work to support their families, drunkenness and ungenerous giving, back to her own kingdom. She resolved there would be changes for the good of her people.

Because the Lord Jesus spoke of the Queen of Sheba as being present at the future Judgment Day, we know He also accepted all the Bible's Old Testament records as being true and correct.

Some teachers and preachers claim that parts of the Bible are just made-up stories and cannot be believed. The Lord Jesus had every opportunity to teach this on earth too, but He didn't. If our Lord and Saviour indicated that everything in the Old Testament was right, then we His disciples, should accept them without question too. Faith is believing and hoping in God even though we don't know how God will answer our prayers. God has promised in 1 Timothy that all Scripture is inspired by God and useful for correcting and building a person up. It is a sign of unbelief to start picking and choosing which Bible texts are accurate and which ones cannot be believed.

True knowledge is actually spiritual knowledge, for God is truth. But this form of knowledge is often disregarded by our society. God has given us sense, reason and intellect and expects us to use them for His glory and society. It is sad to see how some people delude themselves. They think and say they are Christian but the fruit of their tongues brings rottenness to themselves and their listeners.

After years of speaking wise sayings, Solomon and the people around him became tired of them and started to value them less than what they should have. Often as people grow older, they can rely on their experience rather than on the Lord. But this is a mistake. Solomon had lost his zeal for the things of God. Maybe this came about by the many compliments he received and the trappings of his wealth; or the politics of running a thriving giant business which may have distracted him from serving God only. The Bible does indicate that Solomon's accepting and worshipping of his wives' pagan idols was clearly a part of his turning away from God. Situation ethics can cause Christians to judge which sins they think to be big and which are small and more acceptable.

In the 300 to 400 years after the Lord Jesus returned to heaven, some religious leaders made up a list called "The Seven Deadly Sins." Pride was listed as the sin from which all other sins spring. Pride is the excessive belief in one's own abilities and this interferes with a person's recognition and reliance on the grace of God.

A theologian from the Middle Ages defined pride as excessive self-love which is the cause of every sin. The root of pride is found in a person not being subject to God and His rule in everything. The opposite of pride is humility. Humility is seeing ourselves as we are before God and others without favourably putting ourselves above others. Both pride and vanity are very competitive. It's possible to say that if someone else's pride really irritates you, then you have a lot of pride yourself.

God does not make many distinctions about what are big and little sins. Before Him, all sin is hateful to Him and should be confessed and rejected. In the New Testament letter of 1 John, Chapter 2, it says: “Do not love the world or anything that belongs to the world. If you love the world, you do not love the Father.” Everything that belongs to the world does not come from God. This includes having a strong addiction for physical pleasures, having greedy longings of the mind, and pride in one’s own resources and the stability of earthly things around them. How much these things played a part in Solomon’s gradual turning away from loving his God, we cannot say. Solomon certainly had more wives than what most men would think to be wise!!

An evangelist once said: “The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me. I must as a Christian, turn away from it.”

Like the Queen of Sheba, we will never be satisfied just to know about God. Really knowing God only comes through experience as He reveals Himself to you through grace. If you haven’t started your life journey with Him yet, ask the Lord Jesus to be your Lord and Saviour today.

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That was Grant Cunningham singing “Blessed be the Name.”

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