

**Context: Who was Solomon? (1 Chronicles 22:7-10, 1 Kings 1:5-6, 1 Kings 4:24-25)**

**What do we learn about Solomon in the current passage? (v4-9, 1 Chr 22:7-10)**

**What was Solomon's request and God's response? V9-14**

**Conclusion**

### Main Passage 1 Kings 3:4-15 - World English Bible (WEB)

4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 In Gibeon, Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask for what I should give you."

6 Solomon said, "You have shown to your servant David my father great loving kindness, because he walked before you in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with you. You have kept for him this great loving kindness, that you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is today. 7 Now, Yahweh my God, you have made your servant king instead of David my father. I am just a little child. I don't know how to go out or come in. 8 Your servant is among your people which you have chosen, a great people, that can't be numbered or counted for multitude. 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this great people of yours?"

10 This request pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have you asked for riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice; 12 behold, I have done according to your word. Behold, I have given you a wise and understanding heart; so that there has been no one like you before you, and after you none will arise like you. 13 I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you for all your days. 14 If you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." 15 Solomon awoke; and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of Yahweh's covenant, and offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

### Notes / Cross References

**Trivia:** Word Solomon (Strong's # 8011) is derived from the word Shalom (Strong's #7965)

**1 Chronicles 22:7-10** 7 David said to Solomon his son, "As for me, it was in my heart to build a house to the name of Yahweh my God. 8 But Yahweh's word came to me, saying, 'You have shed blood abundantly, and have made great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. 9 Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of peace. I will give him rest from all his enemies all around; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. 10 He shall build a house for my name; and he will be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

**1 Kings 4:24-25** 24 For he had dominion over all on this side the River, from Tiphshah even to Gaza, over all the kings on this side the River: and he had peace on all sides around him. 25 Judah and Israel lived safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

**1 Kings 1:5-6** 5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king." Then he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. 6 His father had not displeased him at any time in saying, "Why have you done so?" and he was also a very handsome man; and he was born after Absalom.

**Psalms 111:10** The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom. All those who do his work have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

**Proverbs 9:10** The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom. The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

**James 1:5** But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.