



SOLOMON BECAME KING



1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12, 3:1-15

When David had grown old, he called for his son Solomon to give him this message: “Be strong, my son, and keep your promise to the Lord to walk in His ways and obey His commandments. If you do, you will have success in everything you do, and the Lord will keep His promise to our family.”

Then David died, and Solomon became king over Israel. One night, the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream. God said, “Ask. What should I give you?”

Solomon replied, “You have shown great and faithful love to my father David because he was faithful to You and had a right heart before You. You have continued to show faithful love to him by giving him a son to sit on his throne.

“You have now made me king in my father’s place. But I have no experience in leadership. I am younger than most of the people I lead. So, give me a heart to judge the people and tell the difference between good and evil.”

The Lord was pleased with Solomon’s request. He said, “Because you have asked for wisdom to lead well instead of long life or riches, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and understanding heart. You will be wiser than anyone who has ever lived before. In addition, I will give you what you did not ask for: both riches and honor. If you walk in my ways and keep my commands, I will give you a long life.”

Solomon woke up and realized it was a dream. He went to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant, and presented burnt offerings.



Christ Connection: *God gave Solomon wisdom to lead His people. Jesus is perfectly wise, and He leads everyone who trusts in Him to eternal life. As we follow Jesus and obey His Word, He helps us grow in wisdom.*