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1 Kings 3:5-14

Solomon's Dream

5 While Solomon was at Gibeon, Yahweh appeared to him in a dream during the night. God said, “Ask for anything you want. I will give it to you.”

6 Solomon answered, “You have been very kind to Your servant, my father David. He obeyed You. He was honest and lived uprightly. And, You showed great loyalty to him by allowing me to be king after him today. 7 Yes, O Yahweh, my God, You have caused me to be king in my father David’s place. I am only a young man; I do NOT have the experience necessary. 8 I am here among Your chosen people. They are a great people — there are too many of them to even count! 9 So, I ask that You give me wisdom. Then I can govern Your people in the right way. Only then can I tell the difference between what is fair and what is unjust. Without wisdom, it would be impossible to govern this great people who belong to You!”

10 When Solomon asked Yahweh for wisdom, this pleased the Lord. 11 So, God said to Solomon, “You did NOT ask for a long life for yourself. You did NOT ask for riches for yourself. And, you did NOT ask for the death of your enemies. Instead, you asked for insight to make the right decisions. Because you asked for wisdom, 12 listen, I have given you what you asked for. Look, I have given you a wise and discerning mind. There has never been anybody like you in the past. And, no one will ever be like you in the future! 13 I have given you what you did NOT ask for. You will have riches and honor, too. And, during your lifetime — among the kings — there will be no king as rich and famous as you will become! 14 If you follow Me and obey My laws and My commands, as your father David did, then I will also give you a long life.”