

Living On A Prayer - Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom

Introduction:

The book of Proverbs tells us we are blessed when we find wisdom. Information and knowledge surround us in this advanced technical age, but the kind of wisdom that blesses us is rare. Where do we find it?

Solomon, a young king, was wise enough to know where to turn in the great search for wisdom. He turned to God in prayer, knowing that the most profound treasures of the heart and mind reside with the God who created the universe.

When God said Solomon could ask for anything, he asked for “a discerning heart.” At the beginning of his kingship, Solomon wanted to rule with godly wisdom. God granted it, and more. We, too, are searching for wise minds and discerning hearts. We, too, want to know how to live well, to live purposefully, and with meaning. Solomon demonstrates the first step to such a life, seeking the God who made everything and knows everything in prayer.

Read Your Bible

- 1 Kings 3:1-15
- John 14:6

Apply God's Word to Your Life:

1. Who is someone in your life that you would consider wise? What did they teach you?
2. How is wisdom different from knowledge?
3. When Solomon is given the chance to ask for anything, what does he choose?
4. How does God respond to Solomon's request?
5. Why does God choose to answer Solomon's prayer? Consider 1 John 5:14 for your answer.

6. What might have been different had he asked for something more selfish?
7. What can Solomon's prayer for a discerning heart teach us about our prayers to God?

Reflecting on the text:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

Pray

Father in heaven, you are a God who hears our prayers. Today, we come to you, seeking your heart and your wisdom. Pour out your Holy Spirit in us so that we may lead lives that point to Christ. In your great mercy, hear us, Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.