

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS.**1. Solomon's Request, v. 5-9.**

Who appeared to Solomon? Where? How?
 Was this dream a real occurrence? (Verse 15.)
 What other instance can you find of God's revelation through dreams? Find five; two in Genesis, one in Judges, two in Matthew.

For what purpose had Solomon gone to Gibeon? (Verse 4.)

How came he to be king instead of David's oldest son? (Tell the story very briefly.)

What kind command did God give Solomon "in a dream?"

What did Solomon say about his father?

In what respect did his own religious character differ from his father's? (Verse 3.)

What should be the character of a king? (2 Sam. 23. 3.)

What did Solomon say about his own station and wisdom? (Verse 7.)

What about the people? (Verse 8.)

What is the character that Solomon as king says he desires?

For what particular reason did he desire wisdom?

What is the first step in true wisdom? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

2. God's Answer, v. 10-15.

How did God regard the king's word?

What desirable thing had Solomon not sought?

What answer was made to his request?

What more was given that he had not asked?

What promise of Jesus is thus illustrated? (See Matt. 6. 33.)

On what condition was long life promised?

Solomon died aged about sixty; what commentary does the fact furnish on verse 14?

Where did the king go, and what did he do?

What judgment proved the king's wisdom? (Verses 16-28.)

What promise of wisdom does God give us? (See James 1. 5.)

What has been the common experience of men who have sought God? (Jer. 29. 12, 13.)

What word of the Lord Jesus is like it? (John 16. 24.)

Practical Teachings.

1. The world says, "Prayer is only idle words;" but God says, "Ask of me, and I will give."

2. The world says, "Do what you will, you cannot die till your time comes;" but God says, "Keep my statutes; I will lengthen thy days."

3. Solomon began well; he was humble, devout, sincere. Let us learn the value of right beginnings. But he showed his one weakness at the beginning—the love of display (verse 4). It was the leak in the dike.

4. Let us learn the lesson of self-examination, "For who can understand his errors?" Let us pray, "Cleanse thou me from secret faults."

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. To esteem God's promises?
2. To seek the best gifts?
3. To obey God's law?

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.**1. Verses 5-9.**

5. Where did the Lord appear to Solomon? For what was Gibeon noted?

6. On what did Solomon base his petition?

7. Why did he believe God would help him?

8. How was he as a little child? Mention some of the difficulties which he had to meet.

9. Why did he ask wisdom?

2. Verses 10-15.

10. Why did Solomon's request please God?

11. In a like case what would most others have asked?

12. For what did God's gift fit him?

13. Did God give him more than he asked? What was promised as to his greatness?

14. Does God make all his promises without conditions? Why was the promise of long life not fulfilled?

15. How did Solomon show his gratitude? What did his offerings represent?

Teachings of the Lesson.

Early in life we should take Christ as ours and openly acknowledge him. The best wisdom is not gained out of books or learned from teachers. Better choose what is right than what is pleasant. True knowledge will make us humble. Religion tends to insure outward prosperity. The young should be thankful that they can offer a whole life to God.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

How long did King David rule over Israel? **Forty years.**

Who was the next king?

Whom did Solomon try to be like?

In what was he different?

Where did David offer his sacrifices?

Why ought Solomon to have followed his father's example in this?

Which was the great high place?

What were set up at Gibeon?

Who came to Solomon there, and how?

What did the Lord say to him?

For what did Solomon ask?

Why was the Lord pleased with this?

How did he show that he was pleased?

To whom does the Lord give great blessings? **To those who put his work first.**

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