

Introduction

1. After David died, his son Solomon took the throne of the united kingdom of Israel ([1 Kgs. 2:10-12](#))
 - a. Solomon was known for his great wisdom ([1 Kgs. 4:32-34](#))
 - b. Solomon was also known as the one who built the temple ([1 Kgs. 6:14](#))

I. The Fear of the LORD and Wisdom

1. After Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings in Gibeon, God appeared to him in a dream with a question ([1 Kgs. 3:4-5](#))
 - a. Almighty God is the one doing the asking ([Ps. 33:6-9](#))
2. Solomon asked for wisdom ([1 Kgs. 3:6-9](#))
 - a. This is evidence of the fear of the LORD ([Pr. 1:7, 9:10](#))
 - b. We are told to ask for wisdom from God when we are lacking it ([Jm. 1:5](#))
 - c. God was pleased with Solomon's answer ([1 Kgs. 3:10](#))
 - d. If the fear of the LORD was lacking, then Solomon's answer would have been different ([1 Kgs. 3:11](#))
 - i. Those that fear the LORD understand life is brief and seek wisdom ([Ps. 90:10-12](#))
 - ii. Those that fear the LORD understand riches are not to be trusted and are fleeting ([Pr. 11:28, 23:4-5](#); cf. [Lk. 12:15](#))
 - iii. Those that fear the LORD let God take vengeance on their enemies ([Ps. 94:1](#); [Rm. 12:19](#))
3. God granted Solomon's request ([1 Kgs. 3:12](#))
 - a. God blesses those that fear Him ([1 Kgs. 3:13](#); [Ps. 115:12-13](#))
 - b. Some blessings are conditional ([1 Kgs. 3:14](#))
4. The wisdom of God produces fear ([1 Kgs. 3:16-28](#))

II. The Fear of the LORD and the Temple

1. Preparation ([1 Kgs. 5](#))
 - a. Solomon's father, David, had already made abundant preparations for the temple before his death ([1 Ch. 22:1-5](#))
 - b. Part of that preparation was charging Solomon with building the temple ([1 Ch. 22:6-16](#))

- c. David also commanded the leaders of Israel to help Solomon ([1 Ch. 22:17-19](#))
 - d. Solomon made a treaty with Hiram, king of Tyre, which secured lumber for the temple ([1 Kgs. 5:1-12](#))
 - e. Solomon raised a labor force to prepare lumber and stones for the temple ([1 Kgs. 5:13-18](#))
2. Construction ([1 Kgs. 6-7](#))
 - a. Solomon had the temple constructed which took seven years ([1 Kgs. 6:38](#))
 - b. All the necessary furnishings and decorations of the temple were constructed and installed ([1 Kgs. 7:15-51](#))
3. Dedication ([1 Kgs. 8](#))
 - a. The ark of the covenant of the LORD was brought into the completed temple ([1 Kgs. 8:1-9](#))
 - b. The glory of the LORD filled the temple ([1 Kgs. 8:10-11](#))
 - c. Solomon dedicated the temple ([1 Kgs. 8:12-66](#))
 - i. Solomon connected the temple with the fear of the LORD ([1 Kgs. 8:35-43](#))
 - ii. The church is the temple today ([1 Cor. 3:16-17](#), [6:19](#); [2 Cor. 6:16-18](#); [Eph. 2:19-22](#))
 - iii. God prepared, constructed, and dedicated the church ([Eph. 3:9-11](#); [Mt. 16:18-19](#); [Gal. 4:4-5](#); [Ac. 2](#); [1 Pt. 2:5](#))

Conclusion

1. Solomon teaches us that the fear of the LORD and wisdom go together
 - a. Let us be those that operate with the wisdom of God and as such fear Him
2. Solomon connected the fear of the LORD with the temple
 - a. The church is the temple today and so we must be those that fear the LORD