

1. [1Ki 3:11-14 NKJV] Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, "behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

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2. The testimony of Yahweh himself asserts that He not only made King Solomon the wisest man that has ever lived, but also ensured that no human will ever surpass the portion of wisdom He granted Solomon. 1Kings 4:29-30 states , "And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt." As the news of his exceedingly great wisdom spread, scholars and kings throughout the world came seeking to learn from the wisdom of Solomon.
3. 1 Kings 4 also documents that Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs, many of which are recorded in the Bible, and wrote 1,005 songs, including the Song of Songs, also found in the Bible. In fact, it is widely believed that Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes as well. Throughout the book of Ecclesiastes, the author identifies himself with the Hebrew word ko·heh'·leth, which means collector (of sentences), preacher, public speaker, or speaker in an assembly. Most Bible translations render this word as Preacher or Teacher.
4. Ecclesiastes 1:1 mentions The Preacher as being the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Chapter 1 verse 12 also affirms that the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. In chapter 12 verse 9 it states that the Preacher was wise and he pondered and sought out *and* set in order many proverbs. These verses alone seem to present a definitive

case that Ecclesiastes was indeed written by Solomon, the one man in all of human history who was gifted with the greatest degree of wisdom directly from the Most High God.

5. This is noteworthy and worth underscoring because the book of Ecclesiastes culminates with a powerfully significant word of advice for the reader. Ecclesiastes 12:13 [KJV] Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man. It is important to remember that when Solomon penned this statement, the only scripture in existence would have been the Torah and some of the prophets. Thus, the commandments he is referencing that are to be kept, are those found in the law of Moses.
6. In addition to his great wisdom, Solomon was also blessed with unimaginable wealth and power. His fortune included astronomical quantities of gold, an incredibly vast number of livestock, a surplus of exotic spices, numerous monumental architectural accomplishments, and so much more. Unfortunately, it seems to be this enormous wealth and fame that ultimately led to Solomon making some remarkably foolish decisions. 1 Kings 11 records that he had 700 wives and 300 concubines that persuaded him to not simply follow other gods, but to build shrines and altars on which he offered sacrifices to these detestable gods.
7. Interestingly enough, it is precisely this wide range of life experiences that makes Solomon's advice in Ecclesiastes so potent. He was afforded the opportunity to taste nearly everything this life has to offer, and in the end he advises that the best course of action is to fear God and keep his commandments. This is an incredibly significant point to consider. The one man gifted with the greatest portion of intelligence declared that the wisest thing a person can do is fear God and obey his commandments. In fact, this is not the first time Solomon has made the connection between wisdom and a genuine fear of god. In Proverbs 1:7 he wrote, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge" For further study on this concept, please see my video "Fear of the Lord"
8. Considering his intelligence and life experience, it seems that we would do well to take his wise council and avoid making his same mistakes.

Especially when we realize that the downfall of Solomon, and subsequently the nation of Israel, was promised by our Heavenly Father when Solomon dedicated the completed temple to Yahweh 1Kings 9:4-9 [NKJV] "Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, [and] if you keep My statutes and My judgments, "then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.' "[But] if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments [and] My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, "then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. "And [as for] this house, [which] is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' "Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the LORD has brought all this calamity on them.' “

9. History teaches that this is precisely what happened to the nation of Israel, and it all started with Solomon’s disobedience. We must remember this lesson when we dedicate ourselves as living temples, we must be consecrated, set-apart, and rooted in the same firm foundation of obedience that the Most High expected of Solomon. Our awesome, all powerful God does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. And what He expects of one child he expects for them all.
10. Exodus 12:49, There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you. As gentile believers grafted into the cultivated olive tree that is the commonwealth of Israel, we are the strangers who were once far off but now have been brought near. And once we have been made a part of this great family legacy, we are excepted to obey the Father, just like they were. If you’d like to learn

more about this, please consider watching my video, “Are You Grafted In”

11. Even though Solomon went on to make a great many abominable mistakes, he has still left one example we can follow. When he felt insufficient, he asked the Father for wisdom. In much the same way, if you have been searching and studying whether our Father’s law is still in effect for believers today, I would encourage you to earnestly pray and seek the Father asking for wisdom. And as you do, remember that when the Most High was answering Solomon’s prayer, He reminded him, “So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”
12. Our Heavenly Father, like any good parent, craves the obedience of his children, and is greatly pleased when he receives it. Like any loving parent, our Heavenly Father has given instructions to keep his children healthy, to keep his children safe, and to ultimately teach them to be more like himself. However, like any good parent, when those rules are broken, there are consequences. This is basic behavior modification. Positive and negative reinforcement. And just like a child who has repeatedly disobeyed will naturally become fearful of their a frustrated and angry parent, so to must we be mindful of upsetting our Heavenly Father. Perpetual disobedience and rebellion will often make his anger “burn hot” against His children, and this is unquestionably a fearful prospect. King Solomon likely knew this feeling all to well. And thus again, we can appreciate the wisdom of Solomon in saying, Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man”
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