

Solomon's Wisdom

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SOLOMON'S DREAM

WIDE: OUTSIDE SOLOMON'S HOUSE, THE CAMERA SLOWLY ZOOMS IN ON SOLOMON'S HOUSE.

MEDIUM: SOLOMON LYING IN BED

NARRATOR

Shortly after Solomon is anointed king, the Lord appeared to King Solomon in a dream and said

CLOSE UP: SOLOMON IN A DREAM

GOD

Ask what I shall give you.

SOLOMON

You have shown your servant David, my father, great mercy as he walked before you in truth and righteousness; and you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. And now, O LORD my God, you have made me king instead of David my father: but I am just a little child and I know not what to do. Give me an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may understand between good and bad: for who is able to judge so great a people?

GOD

Solomon, because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life; neither have you asked for riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the death of your enemies;

but you have asked for an understanding in order to carry out lawfully judgment; I have done according to your words:

I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there is none like you, neither after you will there be any like you. And I have also given you what you have not asked for, both riches, and honour: so that there will not be

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GOD (cont'd)
any among the kings like you.

And if you will walk in my ways,
and keep my statutes and my
commandments, as your father David
did, then I will lengthen your
days.

CLOSE UP: SOLOMON LYING IN BED

Solomon opens his eyes and sits up.

NARRATOR
And Solomon awoke from his dream.

IN THE TEMPLE

MEDIUM CLOSE UP: SOLOMON WALKING

Solomon is walking to the temple

NARRATOR
Later, Solomon went to Jerusalem,
and stood before the Ark of the
Covenant. He offered up burnt
offerings, and offered up peace
offerings. While there, two women
came to him and said...

WIDE: INSIDE THE TEMPLE.

SOLOMON is on the right and two women are on the left, WOMAN
TWO is holding a baby

CLOSE UP: WOMAN ONE

WOMAN ONE
King Solomon, I and this woman live
in one house; and I had a child
when she was in the house. And on
the third day after I had my child,
this woman also had a child: and we
were together; there was no
stranger with us in the house, just
us two in the house.

MEDIUM CLOSE UP: THE TWO WOMEN STANDING NEXT TO EACH OTHER.

And this woman's child died in the
night; because she overlaid it. And
she got up at midnight, and took my

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WOMAN ONE (cont'd)
 son from beside me, and laid her
 dead child beside me.

And when I got up in the morning,
 my child was dead: but when I had
 considered it in the morning, I
 realized, the dead child it was not
 my son.

WOMAN TWO
 No; the living child is my son, and
 the dead is her son.

WOMAN ONE
 No; but the dead child is your son,
 and the living is my son.

WIDE: INSIDE THE TEMPLE.

SOLOMON
 So you say, this is your son that
 lives, and her son is the dead one:
 and the other says, No; but her son
 is the dead one, and your son is
 the living one.

Bring me a sword.

CLOSE UP: BABY IN WOMAN TWO'S ARMS
 Divide the living child in two, and
 give half to the one, and half to
 the other.

CLOSE UP: WOMAN ONE

NARRATOR
 Then the first woman said to the
 King Solomon...

WOMAN ONE
 O king, give her the living child,
 but don't kill it.

CLOSE UP: WOMAN TWO

NARRATOR
 But the other woman said...

WOMAN TWO
 Let it be neither mine nor her's,
 but divide it.

CLOSE UP: SOLOMON

SOLOMON

Give the first woman (her) the
living child, and in no way hurt
it:
she is the true mother.

WIDE: INSIDE THE TEMPLE.

NARRATOR

And all Israel heard of the
judgment that the king had done;
and they feared the king: for they
knew the wisdom of God was in him,
to do such a judgment.

In this story, we learn that we
need to go to God for our daily
wisdom.

OVERLAY TEXT: OF JAMES 1:5

In James 1:5 the bible says, "If
any of you lack wisdom, let him ask
of God, that giveth to all men
liberally, and upbraideth not; and
it shall be given him."