

Prologue – vv.1-3

- The amazing turn of events from slavery to marriage treatise
- The scattered worship of Jehovah
- Solomon's love for God, obedience to his father's precepts

Solomon Receives Wisdom - vv.3-15

- The context of worship (at Gibeon, the place of the tabernacle); royal sacrifices
 - The LORD appears in a dream - asks Solomon what he desires
- 1.) His realization of **God's mercies** (to David in the past and present)
 - 2.) His **humility** (as a little child)
 - 3.) His sense of having an **overwhelming task** (too great and numerous)
 - 4.) His **request** for understanding/wisdom/discernment – more than mere doing of laws
 - 5.) His **ultimate desire** for God's glory - they are His people
- This pleased God, and He responds by affirming and granting even more than Solomon requested
 - Solomon will be unique among all the kings
 - He returns to the Ark of the Covenant in Jerusalem, and there offers sacrifices and gives a feast

An Example of Solomon's Wisdom – vv.16-28

- Imagine the scene – appearance of two prostitutes – concern for justice for all
- Only the two living together - no other witnesses
- The principle was in the law, but this specific case not available
- Something more than command was needed, but how to discern in wisdom the truth
- Appeals to the **love of a mother** – contrast between the two, **common grace** in sinners
- God gives Solomon wisdom, and **his fame** for **wisdom spreads**

APPLICATION

What does this have to do with us? We are not kings with such a task

- Call to seek wisdom above all Prov4:7 16:16

Seek wisdom in the Lord Jesus Christ

- Mt13:54 where did He get this wisdom - Lk11:31 greater than Solomon - 1Cor1:30 wisdom of God

We need these same 5 things (above)

- In the church, in the workplace, in the home, parenting
- James 1:5-7 request for wisdom – for your further study 3:13-18