

God's Promise to David: The Reign of King Solomon
Lesson 3 – 1 Kings 3

THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM

Solomon Asks the LORD for Wisdom (1 Kings 3:1-15).

22. What does Solomon's marriage to an Egyptian princess tell us about him?
23. What were the high places? Was the worship of the LORD permitted on the high places? (See Deuteronomy 12:2-4, Psalm 121:1-2, and 1 Kings 3:4-5a)
24. Why did Solomon ask God for wisdom? How did God respond? (See also James 1:5)
25. Proverbs 9:10 says that the beginning of wisdom is "the fear of the LORD." According to Psalm 130:4, why do Christians fear God?

Solomon's Wise Ruling (1 Kings 3:16-28).

26. This section of chapter 3 is the first of many examples of Solomon's God-given wisdom. How did Solomon show demonstrate his gift of wisdom in

these verses? What word or phrase would you use to summarize the king's decision?

Where is Jesus?

27. Read Isaiah 11:2-4a. How do these words reflect Solomon's wisdom and discernment? Who fulfilled this prophecy?

28. What is the significance that the women described in this section were prostitutes? What does this foreshadow about Jesus? Why is this comforting to us?