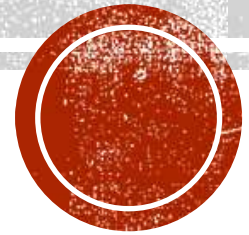


THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE

King Solomon



QUESTIONS:

- Today is your birthday, and your Dad told you:
- Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you?
- What will you ask for?

- Second question:
- If Lord tells you like this, what will you ask for?



YOUNG KING SOLOMON

- **Scriptures: 1 KINGS chapter 1-5**
- **Background story:**
- **King David died, his son Solomon succeeded him as new king**
- **Age of King Solomon**
- **Not very clear, surely very young**



SOLOMON'S DREAM

- 1 Kings 3:3-9
- 3 Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father, only sacrificed and made offerings at the high places
- 4 and the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar
- 5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.”



ASK WHAT I SHALL GIVE YOU

- If I was Solomon, what should I ask for?
- Long life
- Riches
- Health
- War victory
- Make his country great
- life of enemies
- ...



SOLOMON'S REQUEST

- 6 And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you.
- And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day”



ALL WHAT I HAVE FROM GOD

- Give thanks to LORD for giving kingdom to his father David and him
- David' kingdom from LORD
- LORD makes Solomon the king
- Not the oldest one
- Not the strongest one
- Not the most popular one
- (Older brother Adonijah)



- 7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, **although I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in.**
- And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, **too many to be numbered or counted** for multitude
- 9 give your servant therefore **an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil**, for who is able to govern this great people?



BIG CONCERNS

- realized he is too young and no much experience
- **no time to prepare to be a king**
- In ancient China, before an old emperor stepped down, new emperor will have time to practice, to learn how to govern the country
- **Too much to learn**
- Leadership, Economy, politics, culture, justice, diplomacy, war...
- **Too young**
- If not doing well, someone better will come up and replace him



TO BE A GOOD KING

- King Solomon's prayer
- Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil
- Be a good king
- How to shepherd Israel people



LET'S THINK ABOUT IT

- So far, what kind of person King Solomon do you think?
- He is very humble
- He knows he being a king is a grace from Lord
- He loves and trusts Lord
- He really would like to be a good king



THE WAY PLEASED LORD

- 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon has asked this
- 11 And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right
- 12 behold, I now do according your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.
- 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days



WHAT PRAYERS WILL PLEASE GOD

- For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all

--Matthew 6:32

- But seek **first** the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

--Matthew 6:33

- Who is priority? Lord or I
- What is the purpose? His will or my will



WHAT PRAYERS WILL PLEASE GOD

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding
- In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths --Proverbs 3:5-6
- What attitudes when I am asking for?
- He is Lord, I am servant?
- He is servant, I am the lord?



- Ecclesiastes 12:1
- Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”



THE OLD MILLIONAIRE AND ORPHANS

- No child
- Orphans
- Can pick up one thing in this house?
- Everyone done except one
- I want you



- Ecclesiastes 11:9-10
- Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth
- Walk in the ways of your heart and the sign of your eyes
- But know that for all the things God will bring you into judgement

- Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity



- Free
- I do what I love to.
- Just do it

