

PROVERBS

The Way of Wisdom

A Greater Than Solomon



Matthew 12:42

The Great Opportunity



☞ The Queen of Sheba and the Citizens of Nineveh both teach us a valuable lesson for today: the greater the opportunity the greater the judgment.



Because the queen made such an effort to hear Solomon's wisdom so we should make an even greater effort to learn the wisdom of Christ!



The Wisdom of Solomon
with the Wisdom of Jesus

Solomon



Unique among men (1 Kings 3:12); received from God in humility (1 Kings 3:7-9); well known among the nations (1 Kings 4:29,32).

Jesus



Unique among men (John 7:46, Matthew 7:29); received from God in humility (Matthew 13:54, John 8:28, Luke 4:16-22).



How does Solomon
compare with Jesus?

Life



- ☞ Solomon did not live what he knew and taught (1 Kings 11:1-13, Ecclesiastes 2:10-11, 17)
- ☞ Jesus was a sinless example of what he knew and taught (John 8:46, 1 Peter 2:21-22).

Teaching



☞ Solomon's wisdom dealt with the successful life in this world. Jesus' wisdom transcended this world and sought to make us more like God (Matthew 5:48).

☞ Solomon stressed practical living. Jesus called for radical living. Solomon's words benefited physical life (4:10-13), Jesus words led to eternal life (John 6:68, 8:32).



☞ Solomon taught effectively with proverbs that relate general wisdom learned by observation (1:1-4). Jesus taught effectively with parables which are spiritual lessons and applications from everyday occurrences (Matthew 13:10-17).



☞ Solomon's philosophy of life was pessimistic because he lost sight of God (Ecclesiastes 1:1-3, 14). Jesus philosophy of life was based on optimism and God's goodness (John 10:10).

Accomplishments



- ☞ Solomon built the temple that his father was not permitted to build (1 Kings 5:2-5, 6:11-13).
- ☞ Jesus built the temple his Father wanted to dwell in since before time began (John 4:21-24, 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17, Ephesians 2:19-22).

Son of David



☞ Solomon was the son who built the temple and ruled on the throne (2 Samuel 7:11-16).

☞ Jesus was the son who would fulfill all the promises made to David (2 Samuel 7:11-16, Psalm 89:35-37, Luke 1:32).



As Great as Solomon was he
was always just a shadow of
what Christ would be.