

DELIGHTED IN YOU

1 Kings 10:1-10

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INTRODUCTION

Have you ever misjudged someone completely, just based on their appearance or how they acted for a few seconds? I remember once I met this guy who looked super quiet, didn't say much, kind of stood in the back of the room. I figured he probably didn't have much to say... until he opened his mouth and told one of the funniest stories I've ever heard. Totally caught me off guard. I had completely misjudged him.

Let me ask you something: What would someone assume about you based only on watching your life for ten minutes? Like, if they saw what you were doing, what you were talking about, how you treated people, what would they think you care about? What kind of person would they say you are?

The reason I ask is because today we're going to look at a story in the Bible where someone traveled a really long way just to figure out if what she heard about a certain king, and his God, was actually true. She had heard rumors. But she wanted to see it for herself. And what she saw was that God was in Solomon.

Transition: And that's the big idea we're going to keep coming back to today:

MAIN IDEA

If we know Christ, then it should be evident to others.

Transition: So let's read the text together.

READ THE TEXT: 1 KINGS 10:1-7

1 The queen of Sheba heard about Solomon's fame connected with the name of the Lord and came to test him with difficult questions. 2 She came to Jerusalem with a very large entourage, with camels bearing spices, gold in great abundance, and precious stones. She came to Solomon and spoke to him about everything that was on her mind. 3 So Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too difficult for the king to explain to her. 4 When the queen of Sheba observed all of Solomon's wisdom, the palace he had built, 5 the food at his table, his servants' residence, his attendants' service and their attire, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he offered at the Lord's temple, it took her breath away. 6 She said to the king, "The report I heard in my own country about your words and about your wisdom is true. 7 But I didn't believe the

reports until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, I was not even told half. Your wisdom and prosperity far exceed the report I heard."

EXPLAIN THE TEXT

What we see in this section is that **"Wisdom Is Evidence of Our Relationship with God"**

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- The Queen of Sheba heard about Solomon's wisdom and fame, but she came because his reputation was tied to the name of the Lord. This means she wasn't just curious about Solomon as a ruler, she was investigating what kind of God he served. In other words, his life was raising spiritual questions in others.
- She didn't come casually. She brought difficult questions and royal-level gifts, which showed that she took this seriously. Solomon's wisdom was tested in a very public and personal way.
- In Verse 3 we see that Solomon answered all her questions with clarity and ease. The verse says "nothing was too difficult for the king to explain to her". But it wasn't just his intelligence that impressed her. What really captured her attention was what she observed:

The next verses say that: 4 When the queen of Sheba observed all of Solomon's wisdom, the palace he had built, 5 the food at his table, his servants' residence, his attendants' service and their attire, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he offered at the Lord's temple, **it took her breath away.**

- She saw his palace, the food on his table, the way his servants lived and dressed, the excellence of how his people functioned, and the way that he worshiped.
- His wisdom wasn't just in what he said. It was visible in how he lived.
- This is why verse 5 says it "took her breath away." His life was so ordered, thoughtful, and spiritually grounded that it pointed beyond himself.
- In verses 6 and 7, she admits she didn't believe what she had heard until she saw it with her own eyes. And even then, the reports hadn't captured the full reality. Solomon's wisdom and prosperity were greater than what she had expected.
- All of this proves the point of this section: Solomon's wisdom, his way of living, was *evidence* of his relationship with God. People could see it. The Queen of Sheba could see it. His life raised questions about the God who gave him that wisdom.

Transition: Solomon's wisdom wasn't just something people heard about, it was something they could see. The Queen of Sheba came with high expectations, but what she saw in his life completely blew her away. It reminds me of a moment I saw on TV that really stuck with me, a moment when someone was being tested, and nobody expected what happened next. Let me show you what I mean.

Illustration: [Paul Potts Audition](#) (Britain's Got Talent)

- Paul Potts walked on stage and was immediately judged based on how he looked and carried himself. Just like Solomon, he was being tested, no one knew exactly what to expect from him.
- The judges and audience were skeptical. He was nervous, quiet, and didn't look like someone who would blow them away.
- But the moment he began to sing, everything changed. His voice was powerful, moving, and completely unexpected.
- The audience was stunned. The judges were speechless. He completely exceeded their expectations.
- Paul Potts was put to the test, and he passed it in a way no one saw coming. The Queen of Sheba came to test Solomon, and his life, his wisdom, and his worship left her breathless. Why? Because she didn't just see a great king. She saw the presence of God in him. His wisdom was evidence of his relationship with God.
- That's the challenge for us too. ***If we know Christ, then it should be evident to others.*** People should walk away from being around us with a clearer picture of who God is, not because we're impressive, but because God is.

Transition: Now it's our turn to reflect. Remember, our main idea today is this: *If we know Christ, then it should be evident to others.* Let's take a few minutes at our tables to talk through what this means for us.

DISCUSSION OR APPLICATIONS

1. What drew the Queen of Sheba to Solomon? Why should nonbelievers be drawn to us?
2. God gifted Solomon with great wisdom. Why do we often misuse the gifts God has given us?
3. The Queen didn't share King Solomon's beliefs. Why is it difficult to talk to people who don't share our beliefs about God?

Transition: The Queen came with questions, and she found answers. But even more, she found evidence of God in Solomon's life. Now let's look at how she responded. What we'll see next is that her experience didn't just leave her impressed. It led her to worship. Let's read the next part of the passage.

READ THE TEXT: 1 KINGS 10:8-10

8 "How happy are your men. How happy are these servants of yours, who always stand in your presence hearing your wisdom. 9 Blessed be the Lord your God! He delighted in you and put you on the throne of Israel, because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel. He has made you king to carry out justice and righteousness." 10 Then she gave the king four and a half tons of gold, a great quantity of spices, and precious stones. Never again did such a quantity of spices arrive as those the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

EXPLAIN THE TEXT

Explain the Text: 1 Kings 10:8-10

In this section we see that **the evidence points people to Christ** because if we know Christ, then it should be evident to others

- The Queen of Sheba has now seen the wisdom of Solomon with her own eyes. Her response is full of joy and awe. In verse 8, she talks about how fortunate his people and his servants are to sit under his leadership and wisdom every day.
- But the real turning point is in verse 9 when she says this: *"Blessed be the Lord your God! He delighted in you and put you on the throne of Israel, because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel. He has made you king to carry out justice and righteousness."*
- She doesn't just admire Solomon. She actually blesses the Lord. This Gentile queen from a faraway nation recognizes that Solomon's wisdom and rule are a sign of God's love for His people.
- She says God *"delighted in you and put you on the throne of Israel because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel."* She sees God's hand in all of it.
- What started as curiosity for her became worship. She goes from testing Solomon to praising his God.
- In verse 10, she responds with extravagant generosity. She gives him massive gifts, showing respect, gratitude, and honor. This is an act of joyful response to what she has seen and heard.
- The Queen's response shows what can happen when someone encounters godly wisdom. In fact: **the evidence of Christ in us actually points people to Christ.**
- She's not converted in the modern sense, but she does speak with reverence and admiration for God.
- This moment foreshadows what Jesus later points to in Matthew 12:42, where He says that the Queen of the South came to hear Solomon's wisdom, but now something greater than Solomon is here. Jesus is the true and better King, the wisdom of God in human form. This is what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:23-24: *23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.***
- When we live in such a way that reflects Christ, we give people a reason to wonder, to ask, and even to worship. Just like the Queen of Sheba saw God through Solomon, people can see Jesus through us because remember, **if we know Christ, then it should be evident to others.**

ILLUSTRATION

Let me show you something real quick.

[Hold up a toolbox.]

Let's say I want to hang a picture frame on the wall. I've got this screw here, and I need to tighten it. Now, I could grab this hammer...

[Hold up a hammer and try using it on the screw.]

...but that's not going to get the job done, is it? It's not the right tool. It might even make things worse.

[Now hold up a screwdriver.]

But if I grab the *right* tool for the job, a screwdriver, it works perfectly. That's because every tool has a purpose. You can try using the wrong one, but it won't work the way it's supposed to. Only the right tool gets the job done.

Solomon wasn't just any king. He wasn't just strong or rich, he was *wise*. And that's what made the Queen of Sheba stop and glorify God. God put Solomon on the throne at just the right time, because His people needed a king who would reflect His wisdom.

And that wisdom influenced someone powerful from another nation.

Solomon was the right person at the right time. His life helped someone else see God clearly.

Transition: The Queen of Sheba didn't just leave impressed, she left praising God. That's the kind of influence a life rooted in godly wisdom can have. So what about us? How do we live in a way that helps others see God more clearly? Let's talk through a few ways we can put this into action.

DISCUSSION OR APPLICATIONS

1. Use what God has given you to point to Him.

Just like Solomon used wisdom to reflect God's character, you can use your gifts, whether it's your kindness, creativity, leadership, or even how you handle stress, to show others what God is like. Ask yourself: *Is the way I'm using my life helping people see Jesus?*

2. Look for moments when someone might be watching.

You never know who is noticing how you live. The Queen of Sheba was watching Solomon closely, and it led her to worship. What if someone at your school or in your family is watching how you respond, how you treat people, or how you talk? Let your life raise questions that lead to Jesus.

3. When people compliment you, redirect the glory to God.

The Queen praised Solomon, but her praise ended up going to God. When people notice

something good in your life, it's a chance to say, "That's because of what God's done in me." It doesn't have to be awkward, just honest. Your response can point people to Christ.

Transition: The Queen of Sheba left that day talking about God, not just Solomon. That's what happens when we use what God gives us to point people to Him.

CONCLUSION

Let's go back to the big idea we've been talking about today: If we know Christ, then it should be evident to others.

In the first part of the story, we saw that wisdom was the evidence of Solomon's relationship with God. His life, the way he led, the way he worshiped, it made people stop and take notice. Then in the second part, we saw that the evidence pointed someone to God. The Queen of Sheba didn't just walk away impressed by Solomon. She left praising the Lord.

That's what a life of wisdom can do. It makes people curious about who God is.

So here's the question: What would someone learn about Jesus by watching your life? Could the way you talk, treat others, and handle tough moments help someone see Him?

You might not have a palace or servants or tons of gold, but if you belong to Jesus, then His wisdom is in you. And when we live like that, it's not about showing off. It's about pointing people to Him.

Let's live in a way that makes people wonder, ask, and maybe even worship.

Let's pray.