

Week Seven

Great People of the Bible: King Solomon

Suggested Scripture (not all inclusive): 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs

Questions:

1. One of great lessons from the Bible is found in 1 Kings 3 when Solomon asked God for wisdom. Solomon received both wisdom and (by God's grace) wealth. How well did he use these gifts from God? Was he wise?
2. Much is said of Solomon's 700 wives and 300 concubines (see 1 Kings 11:3). Why did God allow this? Was it wrong?
3. Solomon's early reign as king was the "golden age" for Israel. It was a time when Israel had great wealth and prosperity and was a kingdom united. Solomon's reign ended with a divided kingdom; one that would never again be united in peace. What caused the downfall? Could it have been avoided?

Quote of the week: If there be degrees in glory, they will not be distributed according to our talents, but according to our faithfulness in using them. Spurgeon