

ACCESS TO GREATNESS

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Mt. 12:42

Jesus is greater than Solomon.

We are given access to the Kingdom through Him. Joint heirs.

Gives us access to God's greatness. Imparts to us.

To understand, we need perspective on Solomon and his greatness.

I. **Solomon Was The Wisest Man In History.**

1Ki. 3:12 *Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.*

Wisdom: The ability to use knowledge.

A. People came from all over the world to receive his wise counsel. Mt. 12:42

1. Had understanding with it. 1Ki. 4:29-31a

B. Four kinds of wisdom.

1. Human wisdom.

1Cor. 2:4 *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom,*

2. Wisdom of the world.

1 Cor. 1:20 *hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?*

a. Consensus of human wisdom.

3. Demonic wisdom.

Jas. 3:15 *This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.*

4. Wisdom of God.

1Kgs. 3:28 *And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.*

C. Jesus is greater than Solomon.

1. He has given us access to great wisdom and understanding.

Eph. 1:17 *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

2. We have access to greatness.

II. Solomon Had Great Common Sense.

1Ki. 4:29 *And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.*

- A. Largeness of heart comes with wisdom.
 - 1. Discernment or common sense.
 - 2. The two women with one child. 1Ki. 3:16-28
- B. Our society lacks common sense.
 - 1. We save whales but kill babies. The S.V. widow.
 - 2. We defend the rights of immorality, ignoring its consequences, and suppress the proven fruit of virtue.
 - 3. Isa. 5:20 A rebellious society calls evil good and good evil.
- C. The church sometimes lacks common sense.

Lk. 16:8 *And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.*

 - 1. Hear what they want to hear. The easy way out.
2Tim. 4:3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; Weird.*
- D. Jesus is greater than Solomon.
 - 1. He has given us access to great common sense. Jesus has given us access to greatness!

III. Solomon Was Prosperous.

1Kgs. 3:13 *And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.*

- A. Solomon's wealth was unimaginable.
 - 1. Richest man who has ever lived.
 - 2. 1Ki. 4:21-28 Gives us insight into his wealth. Outdated figures from the Dake Bible, which I have adjusted for inflation, calculates \$170,000 per day to feed his staff.
 - 3. Employed over 183,000 people in building his temple.
1Ki. 5:13-16
 - a. Some labor was free. Supervision cost nearly 200 mil. annually.
 - b. The value of the temple would be priceless today.

- B. Solomon requested only wisdom from God.
1Kgs. 3:9 *Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?*
1Kgs. 3:10-13 *And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.*
- C. Jesus is greater than Solomon, He left the riches of heaven to grant us access to a kingdom that even Solomon couldn't design or ever imagine. Jesus has given us access to greatness!

Conclusion;

Keys to Solomon's greatness are ours.

He wanted God first. Mt. 6:33

Didn't ask for personal gain.

North America founded by people seeking God.

South America founded by people seeking Gold.

He later strayed from his own wisdom and his heart was turned from God.

1Kgs. 11:4 *For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.*

We have access to greatness through one greater than Solomon, Jesus!

Jn. 14:12 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

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