

APPLICATION:

Leadership Positions that Need the Wisdom of God:

- 1) Fathers
- 2) Mothers
- 3) Supervisors/Bosses
- 4) Pastors
- 5) Deacons
- 6) Church Trustees
- 7) Leaders in Government
 - a. Council Members
 - b. Mayors
 - c. Senators
 - d. Representatives
 - e. Secretaries of Departments
 - f. Vice-Presidents
 - g. Presidents
8. Christians facing Trials and Affliction
9. Christians facing Persecution for the Faith
10. Spouses with Unbelieving Mates
11. EVERY BELIEVER FACING A WORLD WITHOUT CHRIST
 - Colossians 4:5
 - Matthew 10:16
- [12. Sinners need God's supernatural wisdom to Turn from sin and Trust the Cross!]

TEXT: Job 12:13

**TITLE: "God is Wise!" part 6—(Series: Attributes of God)
***Characteristics of God's wisdom**

- We have been studying the attributes of God. So far, we have seen that God is Holy, Eternal, Present Everywhere (Omnipresent), Faithful, Gracious, Immutable, Love, Sovereign, All-Powerful (Omnipotent), All-Knowing (Omniscient), True and Wise.
- As we study the characteristics of the wisdom of God, we have seen that ...
1. His Wisdom Belongs to His Character
→ Job 12:13
 2. His Wisdom is Unique
→ Jeremiah 10:6-8
 3. His Wisdom is Not from Human Origin
→ Matthew 13:54-58 → Job 28:12-28
 4. His Wisdom is Shown in All His Creation
 5. His Wisdom is Knowable
 - A. We Must Understand the Problem of "Self-confident Wisdom"
 - B. We Must Fear God
 6. His Wisdom is Shown in His Method of Saving People
- 7. His Wisdom is G_____ to His S_____**
- A. To M_____ Garments for Aaron's Priestly Ministry
→ Exodus 28:1-4
 - B. To B_____ the Tabernacle and Its Furnishings
→ Exodus 31:1-11

C. To L _____ God's People

→ 1 Kings 3:1-12

1. Solomon I _____ the LORD—3:3
2. Solomon walked in the principles of D _____—3:3
3. Solomon offered 1 _____ burnt offerings to the LORD—3:4
4. God asked Solomon what he w _____—3:5
5. Solomon had a h _____ response—3:6-7

→ **NOTE:** *2 Kings 5:14* So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like and he was clean.

→ **NOTE:** *Solomon saw himself as an innocent y _____ c _____, like one with smooth and beautiful skin! Before teenage years!*

→ **NOTE:** David understood Solomon's lack of experience in 1 Chronicles 22:5 and 29:1.

→ **NOTE:** Numbers 27:15-17--God gives a reason for a leader to "go out" and "come in" before the people—that they not be sheep with no shepherd!!

6. Solomon felt the p _____ of the task before him; he seemed small in comparison to the people of Israel—3:8

→ **QUOTE:** "Based on the census, which recorded 800,000 men of fighting age in Israel and 500,000 in Judah (2 Sa 24:9), the total population was over 4 million, approximately double what it had been at the time of the Conquest..." (MacArthur Study Bible, p. 468).

→ **NOTE:** Genesis 12:2, 13:6, 15:5, 22:17

7. Solomon asked for a "heart of h _____"
= "understanding heart"—3:9

- a. That he might judge the people
- b. That he might discern between good & evil

8. Solomon recognized the difficult t _____ of judging the people—3:9b

9. Solomon p _____ the Lord with his request—3:10

10. God a _____ Solomon's request—3:11-12

- a. Not for long life
- b. Not for riches
- c. Not for the life of enemies
- d. But for understanding to discern justice
- e. But for a wise heart
- f. But for a discerning heart

→ **NOTE:** He would be unequalled!