

Choosing What's Best – Wisdom

1 Kings 3.1-28

“I don't know how to ...” v7
inadequate for responsibilities

1. A Man with a Divided Heart, vs 1-3

- ***he loved the Lord, except v3***
the snare of high places Num 33.52
there can be no exceptions
in our love for the Lord
Mark 12.20; John 21.15
- ***God's Spirit creates an undivided***
heart within us Ezek 11.19-20
an unwise alliance led to Solomon's
spiritual downfall vs 1-2; 11.1-4

2. A gracious God was watching over him to impart a priceless gift to him, vs4-15

- **Solomon sought God 2 Chron 1.5**
- **an open invitation v5**
“ask for whatever you want”
- **a right response vs6-9**
an acknowledgement
 - of God’s covenant love v6
 - of his own inadequacy v7
 - of his need to hear God v8-9**to make sound judgements**
2 Chron 1.10
- **God’s abundant supply vs10-15**
what you asked for – and more
Eph 3.20; Mat 6.33; Prov 9.10
- **a dream come true, v15**

3. A testing case and a wise decision, vs16-28

- *a personal tragedy vs 16-19*
joy leads to heartbreak
- *a malicious deception vs20-21*
a baby swap – dead for alive
- *a heated argument vs22-23*
one woman's word
against an another's
- *a dramatic gesture vs23-27*
uncovers the truth

4. God's wisdom is for us too

- *available to those who ask*
and who want to heed it
James 1.5-8
- *what it looks like James 3.13-17*
- *where we can find it 2 Tim 3.16-17*
- *what we must do with it Heb 5.14*