Something Greater than Solomon

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INTRODUCTION

- If you were given the opportunity to travel back in time and spend one week with any Old Testament character that you chose, who would you like to spend a week with?
- I would find it most interesting to visit Solomon, a truly great king.

1 A Week with Solomon, a Truly Great King

1 Kings 3:6–10; 1 Kings 8:10–11; 1 Kings 10:4–10

- He came from a pretty amazing dad, didn't he? His father was King David.
- So give your servant an understanding heart to judge your people to discern between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?
- The glory of the Lord had filled every square centimeter of it and was pouring out upon the people, and everyone was in awe of the power of God.
- Now the Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the Lord.
- It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. And behold, the half was not told me.

2 Something Greater than Solomon Is Here

Matthew 12:22; Matthew 12:38–42

- Something greater than Solomon is here. Something greater. Something more glorious. Something more worthy.
- Sometimes the glory of Jesus is most clearly seen, when you look at the best days, the best choices, the most glorious moments in the king's history, and you see how Jesus so easily exceeds them all.
- They respected the power of Solomon. They are threatened by the power of Jesus.
- The queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

3 My King Is God from the Father

John 8:42–43; John 17:6–8; 1 John 5:1–13

- My king is God. And he came straight from the Father in heaven.
- For I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on my own initiative, but he has sent me.
- Not just a prophet, not just a priest, not just a king, not just a redeemer, but God.

4 Jesus Is the Wisdom from Heaven

John 1:1–5; John 1:14

- Jesus is not some prophet who took the words of God and gave them to you in red letter edition. He is the wisdom from heaven.
- In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.
- That word, he's called the Word, became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

5 I Will Make the Church the Temple

Ephesians 2:19–22

- I will make you the people of God. I will make the church the temple.
- Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing, into a holy temple of the Lord.
- Christians are in direct fellowship with God.
- He's not in a building. He's in all the people of God. Jesus did that.

6 Jesus Mastered His Flesh

Hebrews 2:14; Hebrews 4:15

- But Jesus mastered his flesh. He said no to himself entirely in every time sin raised its head, and he did it for us.
- He's someone who succeeded and said, I went first.
- Through death he might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil.
- He defeated the devil in every arena in which the devil battles.

THE CHALLENGE

He is the king, and that is his proclamation. Who will obey him? Because of who he is and how worthy.

MY NOTES