

### Foundation of Solomon's Rule

Intro: Solomon is young and will need help. Unlike some foolish and arrogant people, he knows he needs help. Thankfully, he turned to the Lord. This does not mean he was perfect. We will see both the beginnings of good and bad, which will affect the rest of his time as king. Read I Kings 3:1-28

Questions: 1. What surprising decision did Solomon make first? (I Kings 3:1)

2. Why were people still sacrificing on high places? (I Kings 3:2)

3. Describe the relationship between Solomon and God, in verses 3-5.

4. What was Solomon's request of God, in verses 6-9?

5. How can you tell God was pleased with Solomon's initial request? (I Kings 3:10-14)

6. How can you tell God's blessing was conditional? (I Kings 3:14)

7. What was one difference between Solomon's offerings in verse 3 and verse 15?

8. How did Solomon settle the disagreement between the two harlots? (I Kings 3:16-27)

9. What was the reaction of all Israel at Solomon's decision of this case? (I Kings 3:28)

Discussion: 1. How is "for better or worse" a biblical truth, when it comes to marriage?

2. Why should 1 Corinthians 6:15,16 scare us from having even a one-time encounter of full

intimacy, with a prohibited person?

3. Do you think God's offer to Solomon was strictly that or a test?

4. How does God show both unconditional love and conditional blessings, even today?