

The Pursuit of Knowledge

1 Samuel 2:3 “Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the Lord is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed.

- This is the declaration of Hanna when she was praying to have a son. She was unable to have children.

2 Chronicles 1:3 Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; **for the tabernacle of meeting with God was there, which Moses the servant of the Lord had made in the wilderness.**

2 Chronicles 1:4 But David had brought up the ark of God from Kirjath Jearim to the place David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 1:5 Now the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the Lord; Solomon and the assembly sought Him there.

2 Chronicles 1:6 And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the Lord, which was at the tabernacle of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it. :7 On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, “Ask! What shall I give you?” :8 And Solomon said to God: “You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place. **:9 Now, O Lord God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. :10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?”** :11 Then God said to Solomon: “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and **knowledge** for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king—:12 wisdom and **knowledge** are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like.”

1 Kings 3:2 Meanwhile the people sacrificed at the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the Lord until those days. :3 And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

Solomon sought God according to knowledge, not according to his own devices.

2 Chronicles 30:6 Then the runners went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the king and his leaders, and spoke according to the command of the king: **“Children of Israel, return to the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; then He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. :7 And do not be like your fathers and your brethren, who trespassed against the Lord God of their fathers, so that He gave them up to desolation, as you see. :8 Now do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the Lord; and enter His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever,** and serve the Lord your God, that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you. **:9 For if you return to the Lord, your brethren and your children will be treated with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him.”**

2 Chronicles 30:12 Also the hand of God was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, at the word of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 30:18 For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, “May the good Lord provide atonement for everyone

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2 Chronicles 30:19 who prepares his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though he is not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary."

2 Chronicles 30:20 And the Lord listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.

2 Chronicles 30:22 And Hezekiah gave encouragement to all the Levites who taught the good knowledge of the Lord; and they ate throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings and making confession to the Lord God of their fathers.

Nehemiah 10:28 Now the rest of the people—the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, everyone who had knowledge and understanding—