The Prayer of Solomon for Wisdom, Understanding and Revelation Text: 1 Kings 3: 4 - 10

Solomon, the son of David was king in Israel. He was a man with unsurpassed wealth and wisdom. His wealth and wisdom is traceable to the answer of God to his prayer in our text today. This is proof and confirmation that God not only answers prayers, but that God can do much more than we can ever ask or even think about (*Eph* 3:20). Solomon asked for wisdom and got wisdom plus abundant wealth. God is therefore interested in us and our financial prosperity.

It is his will for us to have wealth. He even gives us power to get wealth (*Deut 8:18*). It is now left to us to content for it in the place of prayer. Tonight we will be doing just that. However, before we go into prayers, we will look at some principles to guide us in praying so that we will not be praying amiss, but praying with understanding and according to his will.

1. Ask Anything:

- a. There is no limit to what you can ask of God. God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all you can ever ask or think about. He is ready to give us all things that we need to prosper, He even promises to give us the abundance of the sea! (*Isaiah 60:5*). He can do this because His name is Jehovah el-shaddai! He is the God that is more than enough; the double breasted One
- b. When He does something, He does it in abundance and in excess He filled David's cup till it was overflowing (*Psalm 23: 5*);
- c. When he deals with poverty, he not only eradicates poverty from your life, he prospers you and then gives you the power to get wealth so that you can be a blessing to others! God is committed to removing poverty and lack, that he why He sent Jesus to preach the Gospel, the good news to the poor (*Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:17-20*)
- d. The only one that can limit what God can do is you. This depends to a great extent firstly, on your faith in His word and secondly, to you willingness to content for what belongs to you in the place of prayers. It depends on your ability to believe and see what you believe through your eyes of faith. You can have what you see by the Word of God. Abraham was asked to walk the length and breadth of the land so that he can see or visualise what the promise of God was to him. (Gen 13:17) He had to look up to heaven to believe (Gen 15:5). At the Word of God, he arose and looked up; he saw beyond his present limitation and got the promise. You can too.

2. Asking the Right Thing:

- a. The key to asking the right thing is to ask for the things that are important to God (*Matt 6:33*) those things that have eternal value, those things that will enable the work of God, those things that will lead to the expansion of His kingdom on earth! Those things that will touch the heart of God. Solomon did not ask for wealth, he asked for wisdom to rule the people of God. He was humble enough to ask the right thing. He had the right motive and the right purpose.
- b. God is passionate about His people! He is constantly watching over his people, (*Gen 31:49*), his eyes are going to and fro over the whole earth to show himself mighty on their behalf,(*2 Chrn 16:9; Zech 4:10*) they are the apple of his eyes.(*Deut 32:10*). They are written upon the palms of his hands (*Isaiah 49:16*). He can give up anything for his people! He gave up his only son for them (Romans 8:32). His people are his business and the king's business can not suffer any loss (*Dan 6:2*). God is passionate about the souls of man. He promised to give all things that you ask if only you would tell people about him (*John 15:16*)

3. Getting Everything:

The key to getting everything is asking the right thing at the right time. Solomon knew what to ask for and when. He did the right thing, got opportunity to ask the right thing, and got everything. If we do the right thing, we will get the right thing

- a. Solomon offered to God a thousand burnt offering, God gave him a blank cheque to ask anything and he asked the right thing and got everything (2 *Chrn 1:7-12*)
- King David danced before God and unto God in the sight of the people, he got an opportunity to get everything, his future was settled for good and God settled the future of his generation forever!
 (2 Sam 7:4 16)
- c. Daniel prayed and the Revealer of secrets revealed to him the king's dream. Daniel was promoted. He conducted himself wisely and the king's business did not suffer any loss. He did the right thing and got everything. (*Dan 2:18-19*)
- d. Cornelius did the right thing and brought salvation to his household (Acts 10)
- e. Peter at the Word of God launched out into the deep. He did the right thing and got everything, wealth and commissioning to ministry (*Luke 5: 1-6*)

God wants to give us everything. He has given us all that we need to receive everything from him. He gave us His Word that can never change and His Spirit to help us. We cannot ask the right thing without the help of the Spirit of God. (*Romans* 8:26) Otherwise, we would ask amiss. (*James* 4:3)

In conclusion the key to getting everything is asking the right thing. We cannot do it by ourselves; we need the Holy Spirit to help us. He is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, counsel and might, power and the fear of God. (*Isaiah 11:2*). He will guide us to all truth. We need understanding and wisdom to apply the principles we have been learning. We need revelation to know what to do, ideas to make wealth, we need counsel to know how to proceed, we need might or boldness to proceed and we need power to succeed! We need the Holy Ghost! We need to know him and his voice; we need Him to teach us all things, (*John 14:26*; we need to know Him as our Senior Partner!

Prayer Points:

- 1. Father I thank you for tonight. I thank you for giving me the Holy Spirit, the seal of promise (*Eph* 1:13; *Eph* 4:30)
- 2. In Jesus name, I rebuke, every spirit of doubt and unbelief, I take authority over you and cast you out of my life in Jesus name. (*Heb 4:1-2*)
- 3. O thou Spirit of Wisdom, breath on me wisdom to apply that which you have taught me tonight
- 4. O thou Spirit of Revelation, open my eyes to see the object of my miracle and breakthrough.
- 5. Spirit of Revelation; reveal to me that which I ought to do to succeed.
- 6. Father show me the way to my breakthrough and teach me how to profit in it (*Isa 48:17*)
- 7. I receive the Spirit of might to proceed and I proceed in the way that God has laid for me. (Ps 32:8)
- 8. I silent every voice of the flesh and of the world, every voice of doubt and unbelief, I say be silent in Jesus name. (*1Corth 14:10*; *14:10*)
- 9. I cast down, every imaginations and high things, that exalt themselves above the knowledge of God and His will for my prosperity in Jesus name (2 *Corth 10:5*)
- 10. I receive the grace and strength to birth my miracle and my testimony in Jesus name (*Philp 4:13*)
- 11. I refuse to be discouraged, for I can do all things through Christ Jesus that strengthens me.
- 12. Father, give me grace to do the right thing so that I can get the right thing (2 Corth 9:8)
- 13. I break to pieces every gates blocking my way and I command you to be opened continually in Jesus name (*Isa 45:21; Isa 60:11*)
- 14. I pull down, every generational strong hold of limitation set upon my life. I destroy you in Jesus name
- 15. Holy Spirit, please come and be my Senior Partner, I release everything to you, take control and teach me what to do.