

Bible Project Video

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Week 19

May 11, 2026 – May 17, 2026

BIBLE STUDY COMPANION GUIDE

Main Sermon Passage

1 Kings 3:3–14

Study Passages of the Week

1 Kings 1–2, 4–8; Psalm 35

Theme or Focus

The Wisdom of Solomon: A Heart That Listens

1 Kings 1- 2 records the transition of power from David to Solomon, establishing the stability of the kingdom. Chapters 4-8 highlight Solomon's wisdom, the prosperity of Israel, and the building and dedication of the temple in Jerusalem, which becomes the central place of God's presence among His people.

These passages emphasize that true wisdom comes from God and is meant to guide leadership, justice, and worship. Solomon's reign represents a high point in Israel's history, where God's promises to David begin to take visible shape.

Psalm 35 reflects a cry for God's justice and deliverance, reminding readers that wisdom includes trusting God as the righteous judge. Together, these texts show that a listening heart leads to wise leadership and faithful dependence on God.

Memory Verse

Fill in the Blanks

1 Kings 3:9 - *“So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.”*

Solomon asked God for a _____ heart to govern the people. (1 Kings 3)

The temple was built in the city of _____.

Solomon’s wisdom brought _____ and prosperity to Israel.

The ark of the covenant was placed in the Most _____ Place. (1 Kings 8)

“Contend, LORD, with those who _____ with me.” (Psalm 35)

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Reflection & Discussion

How is Solomon established as king in 1 Kings 1–2?

What does Solomon ask God for in 1 Kings 3, and why is it significant?

How does the construction of the temple (1 Kings 6–8) reflect God’s presence with His people?

In what ways is Solomon’s wisdom demonstrated in his leadership?

How does Psalm 35 portray God as a defender and judge?