

Introd.

The story of the visit is a foreshadow of the gospel in Christ. The queen lived in the South of Palestine. She was perhaps of the present Northern Abyssinia. Of course, we know that Solomon, was rich, wealthy, powerful, and wise and he lived at the commercial center. As camel caravans passed along the highways. This is a story of deep human interest.

It also reveals several steps for a soul that is dead in sin. We need to come to one greater than Solomon and let Him tell us the way. Therefore, let us take this scripture passage in hand and get a verse by verse digest.

I. SHE HEARD V. 1

1. Question arises, what did the queen of Sheba hear about Solomon? In Kings 4:13, she heard of his wisdom. That he was wiser than all men of Egypt or the East. She heard of his great wealth. His riches were untold. He took in millions of dollars each year into his treasury. Not only gold, but precious stones. She heard about the temple that had been built, costing several millions of dollars made of the finest materials and richest stones. She had heard about the fame of Solomon, His great name had been spread abroad.

2. Note the contrast. Hearing is the beginning of all blessings in Christ.

As to wisdom, he has all knowledge - wiser than the wisest man that ever lived.

As to wealth, the riches of the earth are in his hand.

As to the temple, he can make a spiritual house.

As to fame, his name shall be called wonderful. Never a man spoke as he did. He is wonderful as a Saviour, led to the cross. Wonderful as God, the eternal existing One. He could turn water into wine, raise the dead, multiply the fishes.

Romans 10:17 Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. The moment you hear the gospel story and faith begins to work in the soul, then salvation will come.

II. SHE CAME TO PROVE HIM V. 1

Determine to come and put him to the test. It is not enough just to hear of him. And it is not enough

for us just to hear of Christ, we must come to Him and

trust Him. *(I Men 5:1) Talking about let's wife turned into falling of soul & then Man nothing - my wife was driven car down St. Anthony into shop window of my friend & I was caught pole.*

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You have heard how he is able to save.

Come to prove him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a great train, with camels, spices, showing her faith by her works.

The time that intervened between when she heard and when she arrived, we do not know. Somehow I feel that the moment she heard, she prepared for this long, hard, arduous, trip. It was a hot trip and took many days. But, she was determined to see this great man, Solomon.

So, you have heard about the wonderful Saviour, about His dying on the cross for you. Have you come to the Lord Jesus. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. You have heard, but you haven't taken the next step. You can keep on hearing the gospel for ages, and not be saved. Noah, being warned of God, was moved with fear, and prepared an ark for the saving of his house.

She came to prove and test him with questions. You may come and say, how is it that my sins can be as white as snow? God will say, let us reason. I have lead your sins upon my son on the cross. Now, you are free as if you had never sinned.

You say, how can the sin question be dwelt with and done away with. God says, without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin.

You say, how am I to please God? God says, present your bodies a living sacrifice. The answer to any question you might raise, can be found in the Bible.

III. SHE COMMUNED WITH HIM v. 2

There was fellowship. The growth of a soul is grace and knowledge. She told him all that was in her heart. Right here is the secret. If you but kneel before God and tell him all that is in your heart, is there some sin to be dwelt with? Confess your sin. Is there something that you need to do to be obedient to the word? Are you a defeated Christian? Tell God about it. There is the secret of the spirit-led, the spirit-empowered life - telling God everything.

IV SHE UNDERSTOOD v. 3 - 4

Her questions were all answered. She heard. She proved.

v. 4 - her eyes were open. This was what Paul prayed for in Eph. 1:18. Many Christians are like Lazarus! When he came forth from the grave with resurrection life, he still had on the grave cloths and the napkin over his eyes. He had resurrection life but couldn't see a thing. Take off the grave clothes of the old life that you might see these things - that you may know that is the hope of his calling, and the riches of the glory of his inheritance.

V. SHE PRAISED - 5 *just knowledge of being God, trusting altar*

She had seen the house he had build. The half was not told me. When you have your spiritual eyes enlightened by the holy spirit, you will exclaim with the queen, In v. 5, she saw all the glories and his house. She saw the burnt offerings and the sacrifices. She learned that the way of atonement was by the shed blood, of a lamb without spot and without blemish.

VI. SHE GAVE v. 10

She gave three million, 600 thousand dollars of gold. That is nothing compared with your soul which God wants you to present. I beseech you, therefore, by the mercies of God, that you present. You can't put money value upon it. Your soul is greater than the gift the queen presented to the king. He is asking you to do that right now. Nothing that you possess is as valuable as your life. Your desires will be met. Whatever you ask in faith.

VII. SHE WITNESSED v. 13

So she turned and went to her own country. I can see her going back, (telling everyone) where she stopped, about king Solomon and his glory.

If you come to the Lord Jesus, and had communion with Him, you cannot help but tell every soul around you about him. You will tell your associates. How thankful we are of this picture of the gospel in the O.T. of a queen who heard, who sought, and who returned glorifying the king. She went back with more gifts and that is the way the Lord always works. He gives us his riches, our gifts are nothing compared with His.