

2 Chronicles 1:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

Analysis

God's generous response: 'Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.' God gives what Solomon requested (wisdom/knowledge) plus what he didn't request (riches/wealth/honor). This demonstrates the principle that seeking God's priorities first results in additional blessings (Matthew 6:33). The unprecedented nature ('none before... none after') of Solomon's wealth points typologically to Christ, who possesses all wisdom and before whom all riches pale. This also warns that abundance can become temptation, as Solomon later demonstrated.

Historical Context

Solomon's reign (c. 970-930 BCE) fulfilled this promise - his wisdom and wealth became legendary (1 Kings 10:23). Archaeological evidence confirms tenth-century trade networks and building projects consistent with extraordinary prosperity. Yet this abundance contributed to his later downfall through accumulation violating Deuteronomy 17:16-17.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does trusting God to add 'all these things' free you from anxious pursuit of material security?
2. What warnings from Solomon's life about prosperity and its spiritual dangers do you need to heed?

Interlinear Text

וְכִבּוֹד	וְתַכְסֵס	יְמִ	וְעַשְׂרֵה	לְהַ	אֲתָנוֹ	וְפָמָד	עַ	בְּקָכְמָה	הִ
Wisdom	and knowledge	is granted		H0		thee riches	and wealth	and honour	
H2451	H4093	H5414				H6239	H5233	H3519	
is granted	H0	H834	H3808	H1961	H3651	such as none of the kings	H834		

לֹפֶת יְבָ	וְאַחֲרֵי יְמָ	לֹא	יְהִי	קָ
have had that have been before	thee neither shall there any after	H3808	H1961	H3651

Additional Cross-References

James 1:5 (Parallel theme): If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

2 Chronicles 9:22 (Kingdom): And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

Matthew 6:33 (Kingdom): But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Ephesians 3:20 (Parallel theme): Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

1 Chronicles 29:25 (Kingdom): And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

Ecclesiastes 2:9 (Parallel theme): So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

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