SOLOMON STEPPING INTO BIG SANDALS **SELECTED SCRIPTURES**







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The Heart of the Matter

No king in the history of Israel, not even the great King David, was more exalted or exhibited more royal majesty than King Solomon (1 Chronicles 29:25). Solomon began his reign with more advantages than any other king. He possessed divinely inspired wisdom, immense wealth, undisputed authority, and flourishing peace. And though we often rush to Solomon's weaknesses, we can learn valuable truths from his strengths if we look closely.



Discovering the Way

1. "Long Live King Solomon" (1 Kings 1:34)

Who was this king, this son of David? Let's find out by looking at his . . .

- Birth and name (2 Samuel 12:24–25)
- Childhood and training
- Inauguration and reign (1 Chronicles 29:23–25)

2. "The LORD His God Was with Him" (2 Chronicles 1:1)

What did the Lord do for Solomon? Let's discover God's grace in giving him . . .

- Wisdom and knowledge (2 Chronicles 1:2-3, 6-13)
- Discernment and strength (1 Kings 4:29-34)
- Riches and fame (1 Kings 4:20-27)
- Vision and skill (1 Kings 10:23–25)



Starting Your Journey

David told us to "forget none of [God's] benefits" (Psalm 103:1-2). Solomon had many benefits to praise God for, and so do we. So take a few moments to praise God for your mind, your stability, your possessions, and your hope.





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