



*Pursue: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word*  
*Summer 2021*  
*The Truth Is...*  
*Musings from the Life of Solomon*  
*Lecture Notes*  
*July 6, 2021*

**I. SOLOMON'S BACKGROUND**

1. Second son of David and Bathsheba
2. Promised the throne 1 Kings 1:11-21

**II. SOLOMON'S REQUEST 1 Kings 3:5-9**

Vs. 9 "... So give Thy servant an understanding heart to \_\_\_\_\_  
Thy people to \_\_\_\_\_ between good and \_\_\_\_\_."

\*judge-8199-shaphat-to rule; encompasses all facets of and functions of government: executive, legislative, and judicial.

\*discern-995-biyn-to separate mentally; to be intelligent; to understand

\*good-2896-towb-that which is moral and ethical and superior

\*evil-7451-rah-bad; it means bad in a moral and ethical sense and is used to describe, along with good, the entire spectrum of good and evil.

**III. GOD'S RESPONSE 1 Kings 3:10-15**

1 Kings 3:11-12a "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself a long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself \_\_\_\_\_ to understand \_\_\_\_\_, behold, I have done according to your words."

\*discernment-8085-shama-to hear intelligently and with obedience

\*justice-4941-mishpat-distinguish right from wrong and apply whatever means necessary to bring about restoration, deliverance, and salvation. Freedom for the oppressed, not punishment of the perpetrator, is the more important result of justice. God corrected His people with mishpat because His purpose was saving them not destroying them.  
(God Loves Justice)