

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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First Kings nine, King Solomon finishes the divinely given blueprint for the Temple in Jerusalem on Mt. Moriah. It is the most beautiful worship center ever created. It is exclusively for the worship of the true and living God, the God of Israel. Verse two says, **"that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon."** It is an amazing thought that God had only appeared to Solomon twice in his adult life and that was only after he had been anointed as King of Israel. The Bible is written episodically and often we forget this reality. The Bible is the great "Story of God" and many times in reading Scripture we get only the highlights of a Biblical character's life. God appeared to Solomon at Gibeon, a place of sacrifice during those days before the construction of the temple on Mt. Moriah. This appearance at Gibeon is when God asked the young king what He could do for him and that he could ask for anything. You well remember that Solomon asked for wisdom and understanding that he might lead the great people Israel with a steady and righteous hand. Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the life of his enemy, but for wisdom and

understanding, God said, He would give him all the blessings that he did not ask for in his prayer. One of the amazing features of this section of scripture and our reading for today is that God only appeared twice to Solomon during his reign, and after this appearance the second time, God only spoke to Solomon one more time and that was to tell him that the Kingdom of Israel would be torn apart after his death because of his sin and lack of repentance.

God in His great mercy had warned Solomon in this chapter that His perpetual blessing was dependent upon his obedience to the revealed will of God. Solomon knew what to do to please God, but he refused to walk in the way of God and in the way of his father David. Rather Solomon's heart was stolen away by his lust for women and power and the Kingdom was lost.

Prayer and Action Steps:

There is no "seniority with God" and no one is exempt from temptation. LORD, please help us to number our days and apply our hearts to wisdom and walk in obedience.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

