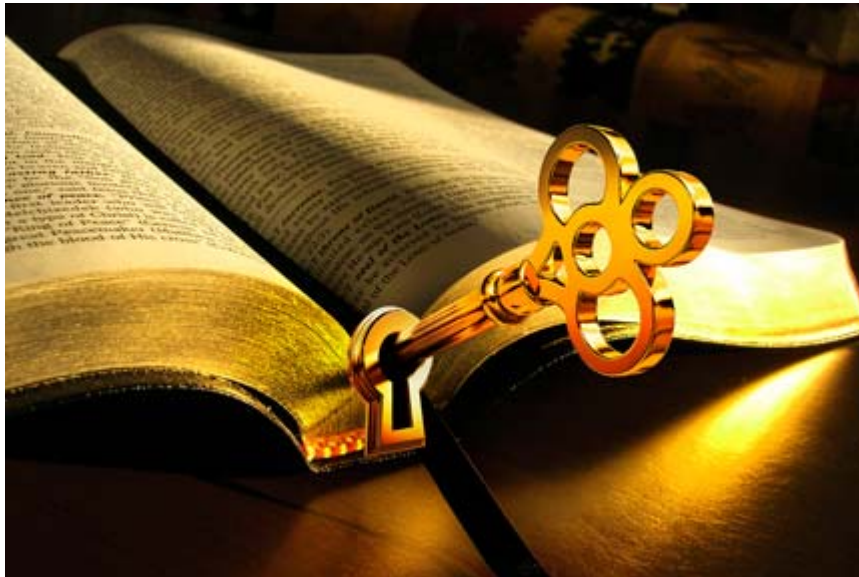


Bible Study Sermon



**Seeing and
recognising**

1 Kings 10:7

10/11 August 2016



Seeing and recognising

However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard.

1 Kings 10: 7



Seeing and recognising

- The queen of Sheba had heard about Solomon's great wisdom and made her way to Jerusalem.



Sheba was the South Arabian kingdom of Saba, in present-day Yemen.



“I did not believe the words until I came”

- One cannot truly believe and trust in God if one has never experienced Him.
- One must set out just like the queen did. Perhaps all that is needed is a slight shift in attitude and the willingness to open oneself for the activity of God.
- The queen exhibited such openness. Let us have the same attitude.



“And indeed the half was not told me”

- With these words the queen expressed her amazement.
- This can serve as a reference to that which transpires when we give room to the Holy Spirit. Only then can we recognize the value of things (e.g. God’s love for us, or the future).



“Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard”

- The queen praised the wisdom and wealth of Solomon.
- We too have reason to give praise. Let us always remember that all wisdom and all good gifts (the sacraments, and future kingdom of God) rest with God.
- Who among us could claim to capture the wealth of these good gifts in words? We too will one day be able to say, “Indeed the half was not told me!”



Summary

- The queen of Sheba had heard about Solomon's great wisdom and travelled to Jerusalem with a large retinue in order to find out for herself whether the wisdom of the king was really as great as she had heard.
- We cannot really believe in God or trust Him if we have never experienced Him.
- If we give room to the Holy Spirit, we will recognize the value of things that we once merely accepted or even took for granted.
- We have good reason to praise God when we hear the preaching of the gospel, and hear words that lift us up, strengthen us, and give us a future.



Message

Let us be conscious of the wisdom and wealth that we have been granted.



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Bible Reading/Topics of Discussion:

Come with an open heart

Recognise the value

Give praise



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We cannot really believe in God or trust Him if we have never experienced Him - *Discuss*

Come with
an open
heart

Read John 1:37-46



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Do we take God's wisdom and good gifts for granted? - *Discuss*

Come with
an open
heart

Recognise
the value

Read Ephesians 1:15-20 & 3:14-19



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God's gifts surpasses the human imagination
- *Discuss*

Come with
an open
heart

Recognise
the value

Give praise

Read *CNAC* 6.4.5



THANK-YOU!

