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2 Chronicles 1:7-12

“In that night did God appear to Solomon *in a dream*, and said to him, “Ask, what shall I give you?” “*And Solomon answered in the dream saying*, “Now give me wisdom and knowledge...” 2 Chronicles 1:7-12

We often think of how wise young Solomon must have been to ask the LORD for wisdom rather than for power or wealth. We have been taught – and rightly so – that his father, King David, had instructed him and instilled in his young heart the need for wisdom. “He taught me also, and said unto me, “Let your heart retain my words, keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom, get understanding..., wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom; and with all your getting, get understanding.” (Proverb 4:4-7)

No doubt, those hours spent with his father had registered on his tender heart. Yet, we may see something other than the story of a good father and his eager and teachable son. If we’ll but look a second time at the passage of Scripture we will learn something of the grace of our God. For you see, this exchange between God and Solomon happened while the young man was asleep! Solomon encountered the LORD in his dreams! The LORD initiated the dream (1 King 3:5) and Solomon, in his dream, sees himself asking the LORD for wisdom! Clearly this is the grace of God acting upon Solomon that he may obtain that which the LORD has destined for him.

Will not God do the same for you, His child? “Lord, initiate with me today, Your purposes, even as you did with Solomon! In Jesus’ name.”

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