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These are the words of Solomon, who was the third king to rule Israel. The children of Israel had requested a king to rule rather than God ruling. God let them have their way and they chose Saul who began well and ended badly, yet it was the end that mattered. God then chose David who was a good king but he made mistakes and had to pay the consequences. He was a spiritual man who walked close to God. He had problems in his life and the non-spiritual people round him were against him, which led to many battles.

When Solomon was crowned he realised the great responsibility he had been given. He felt he was inadequate for the task so he prayed for wisdom that he might rule well. He didn't ask for wealth, health or victory etc. His wisdom became known worldwide. He was an authority in plants, animals and birds. He had great knowledge and was a prolific writer. Kings from every nation sent representatives to listen to him.

“The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here”(Matt 12:42) – the Lord Jesus was here on earth with the knowledge of God yet the people would not listen.

Wisdom is another name for the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our wisdom. He is the embodiment of the wisdom of God. He is our redemption. “But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 Cor 1:30).

The greatest wisdom on earth is to “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 16:31). When we by faith receive the Lord Jesus into our heart we become the children of God “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God” (1 John 3:1)

In the world of humanity we want the love that we show returned so that a relationship can be formed.

In divine love the God of creation asks us to give Him our hearts. Why does He desire our hearts? Because of the great love that He has for us. “Herein is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us” (1 John 4:10)

You would think that there would be a response to this kind of love. He desires us to respond.

What has God got to gain from it? Everything belongs to Him already and we can't make Him greater. It is for our benefit and not His. We are blessed by giving our hearts to Him. We have everything to gain by responding.

God gains a son - “unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself”

The prodigal son wanted his inheritance then wasted it. When he was destitute he had confess his sin. There was joy in the heart of the father as he came home.

There are many things in this world that we can be in the grip of and that will ruin us morally and spiritually. There is no other way to keep our hearts pure so it is wisdom to abstain from things that will corrupt our hearts. [“Happy is the one whose heart is not defiled by vice”](#)

Wisdom would urge us to make the decision to fill our hearts with Christ. This will keep us from the evils that would possess us. God desires us to accept Jesus Christ enthroned in our hearts.

We can't pray sincerely if our heart is not in it. We can't sing if our heart is not in it. It is not pleasing to God if you are not living in the good of the words of the songs you sing. We can't do any service to God if our heart is not given to Him. [“How shall we sing the LORD' song in a strange land?”](#) (Psalm 137:4)

We must accept His invitation to come.

All He did on the cross, He did for you and me. Does He not deserve that we give Him our hearts?

There is no getting wisdom unless we respond. Paul said, [“I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified”](#) (1 Cor 2:2)

Paul prayed in Ephesians chapter 1 that the Ephesians might receive “the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened”. (Eph 1:17,18)

In Psalm 27:4, David asked [“One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple”](#). He valued God more than anything else.

Paul said [“God be thanked that you have obeyed from the heart”](#) (Romans 6:17). They had a different master and different principles. They now obeyed a doctrine that would mould them and shape them differently. They were being [“Changed into image of His dear Son”](#) (Rom 8:29)