

Bible Study Questions for
Love's Sacred Song
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1. How many brothers did Solomon have?
- Brothers born in Hebron: 2 Samuel 3:2–5

- Brothers born in Jerusalem: 2 Samuel 5:13–16

It appears Solomon had at least one surviving brother older than him who could have laid claim to the throne. In this unyielding culture, how did a man of peace gain Israel's throne?

2. How did God work to ensure that Solomon would succeed David as Israel's king?
- Early in Solomon's life (2 Sam. 12:24–25)

- During a crisis (1 Kings 1:5–30)

- To seal long-term commitment (1 Chron. 22:6–13; 29:21–24)

Look back over your lifetime. How has God intervened? In significant childhood events? Through personal advocates? In moments that sealed your future for God's best?

3. When did Solomon become wise?
- Showing personal wisdom (1 Kings 2:8–9)

- Gaining the wisdom to rule (1 Kings 3:4–15)

4. To which topics did Solomon’s wisdom apply?

- 1 Kings 3:27–28 _____
- 1 Kings 4:24–28 _____
- 1 Kings 4:30 _____
- 1 Kings 4:32 _____
- 1 Kings 4:33–34 _____
- 1 Kings 5:2–7 _____
- 1 Kings 10:1–5 _____
- Ecclesiastes 2:4–9 _____

What does God’s wisdom look like today in our culture? In your life? If you asked God for the gift of wisdom, what aspects of your life might change?

5. What radical decisions did Solomon make that might have caused Israel to question his wisdom?

- 1 Kings 4:7 _____
- 1 Kings 5:10–18 _____

If you were to make changes in your life that reflected God’s wisdom, how might those decisions cause others to question your wisdom? Is it time to make some changes?

6. What are some of the incredible things Solomon accomplished?

- 1 Kings 3:1 _____
- 1 Kings 4:24 _____
- 1 Kings 4:32 _____

- 1 Kings 6:1, 38 _____
- 1 Kings 8:63, 65–66 _____
- 1 Kings 9:20–23 _____
- 1 Kings 9:26–28 _____

7. What are some of the controversial decisions Solomon made?

- 1 Kings 4:7 _____
- 1 Kings 5:8–9 _____
- 1 Kings 5:13–14 _____
- 1 Kings 7:1 _____
- 1 Kings 7:8 _____
- 1 Kings 9:10–11 _____
- 1 Kings 10:13 _____

8. How did Solomon act in direct disobedience to God’s commands explicitly detailed by the law of Moses in Deuteronomy 17:16–17?

- 1 Kings 9:28; 10:14–15 _____
- 1 Kings 10:26–28 _____
- 1 Kings 11:1–3 _____
- 1 Kings 11:4–6 _____

9. During Solomon’s forty-year reign, he reached the heights of spiritual awakening and the depths of spiritual betrayal. What happened? How could this man turn his back on the God who had named him Jedidiah, “loved by God”?

- What did God promise when He appeared to Solomon?
 - 1 Kings 3:5 _____
 - 1 Kings 9:1–5 _____
- What were the motivation and frequency of Solomon’s offerings?
 - 1 Kings 9:25 _____
- What were some of the reasons for Solomon’s disobedience? Look beyond the words to the emotions, circumstances, and personalities surrounding him.
 - 1 Kings 11:1–13 _____

10. Many scholars believe that Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes very near the end of his life. Some even hypothesize that the wise king experienced a season of repentance before his death. Now that you've studied King Solomon the man, what do the following passages in Ecclesiastes mean to you?

- Ecclesiastes 1:2–3 _____
- Ecclesiastes 2:1–2 _____
- Ecclesiastes 8:14 _____
- Ecclesiastes 12:6–8 _____

How does this change or refocus your perspective of life “under the sun” (Eccles. 1:3)?

