

The Queen Of Sheba

First Kings 10 records the visit of the queen of Sheba to Solomon. She had heard of his great wisdom and wanted to see for herself. After she had visited with him, she said, "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. However I did not believe the words until I came and saw them with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom" (1 Kings 10:6-8)!

How happy were those servants? If they followed human nature (and they probably did), then the expression "familiarity breeds contempt" likely held true. They probably appreciated the wisdom at first, but then it "grew old" to them. The queen saw the wisdom as priceless and believed in Solomon. In many ways, we have the wisdom of God right in front of us in the Bible and yet we neglect it. It has become such a familiar fixture that it no longer penetrates and implants itself within the heart (James 1:21). Jesus said, "The queen of the South will rise up in judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here" (Matthew 12:42). Will you obey His precious word and be saved?

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