

CLASS: SS2

SUBJECT: CRS

TOPIC: DECISION MAKING

WEEK: 9

TERM: FIRST

MEANING OF DECISION MAKING

Decision means settling, determining, resolving on an idea or judgment. It could be choosing from different alternatives, a course of action. Thus, it follows that a good or bad decision determines how well things are going to work out in future. Therefore, in order to make good decision, one requires wisdom. It is wisdom that enables a person to foresee the future and take good decision.

The success of any leader is largely determined by his or her ability to take good decisions.

SOLOMON WISDOM

(1 king 3:3-28, 4:21-34; 5:1-12; 8:1-53)

When Solomon went to Gibeon to sacrifice to the Lord, God appeared to him in a dream by night and told him: "Ask what I shall give you", Solomon requested for wisdom from God; saying:

"Give to your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people?"

Solomon's request pleased the lord very much and God said that because Solomon had not asked for riches for himself or the lives of his enemies, but had simply asked for understanding to discern justice, He would give Solomon wisdom for the extent that no one would equal or supersede him. God equally granted Solomon what he did not ask for – riches and honour – with promise to further lengthen his days if he would walk in the way of the Lord by keeping His commandments and His statutes.

AREAS SOLOMON EXHIBITED WISDOM

A. King Solomon's gift of wisdom was demonstrated when **two harlots** struggling for a baby came to him for judgment. These two women lived together in a house and gave birth at same time. One of the babies died and the parents laid

claim to the living baby. Solomon ruled that the baby should be cut into two parts and each part should be given to the women helved. The actual mother of the living baby wept and appealed to the king not to divide the baby, instead, should be given to the rival women, because she believe that the baby will know his mother when he grows. The other woman said; *“it shall be neither mine, nor yours, divide it”*. Hence, Solomon was able to know the actual mother of the baby. This display of wisdom was rare in those days and this made Solomon famous.

- B. Solomon’s wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the surrounding nations, and they all came to seek his wisdom. He spoke **three thousand proverbs and composed one thousand and five songs**.
- C. Solomon was very rich. The Bible records that he reigned over all the kingdoms, from the Rivers to the land of the Philistines as far as the border of Egypt, they brought tribute to Solomon and served him.
- D. Solomon made arrangement with Hiram of Tyre to supply him with cedar and Cypress timbers with which to build the temple of the Lord as well as his personal house. In return, he gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of Kors wheat and twenty measures of pressed oil as food for his household yearly.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Who was the Queen of Sheba?
2. Write on the dedication of the temple build by Solomon