

“The Gift of Wisdom”

~ 1 Kings 3:4–15;
Luke 2:40–52

Sermon Series:
Christmas



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1) God’s Invitation: Revealing the Heart.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.”
(1 Kings 3:5)

And Simeon . . . said to Mary [Jesus’] mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed . . . so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”
(Luke 2:34-35)

2) God’s Blessings: Filled to Overflowing.

I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.”
(1 Kings 3:13)

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
(Psalm 23:5)

3) God’s Gift: Christ our Wisdom and Power.

“...we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God”
(1 Corinthians 1:23–24)

Text for Personal Reflection:

“⁴ ‘He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.’ ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new’”
(Revelation 21:4-5a)

Prayer & Reflection Questions:

What prayers come to mind in this new year for yourself?

What prayers come to mind in this new year for your family and friends?

What prayers come to mind in this new year for our church?