

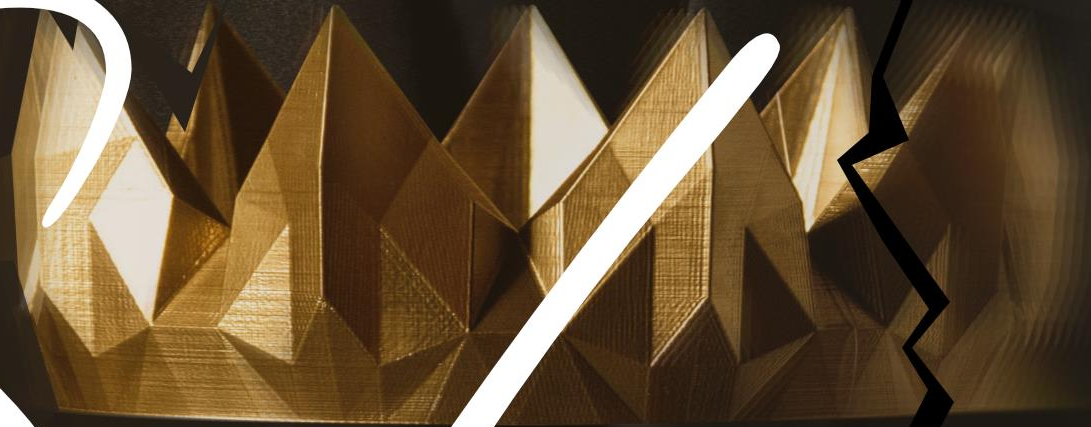
Read 1 Kings 4:29-34 with your Neighbor

Discuss what do you think of Solomon's "wisdom resume." What stands out from these verses.



THE LIFE OF

Salomon





Am I Successful?

Hokmah

Wisdom — the trait of utilizing knowledge and experience with common sense and insight.

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Jewish Wisdom: Hokmah

“The noun “wisdom” (chokmah) could be nuanced “moral skill.” It refers to “skill” that produces something of value. It is used in reference to the skill of seamen (Ps 107:27), abilities of weavers (Ex 35:26), capabilities of administrators (1Kgs 3:28), or skill of craftsmen (Ex 31:6). In the realm of moral living, it refers to skill in living - one lives life with moral skill so that something of lasting value is produced from one’s life.”

Jewish Wisdom: Hokmah

“This kind of practical wisdom is applied to life as a whole – the art of being successful...At the very heart, however, of the concept of wisdom in the OT lies the recognition that God is the Author and End of life and that a meaningful or successful life is one that has its focus in God...Every aspect of human endeavor is included: the spiritual, intellectual, secular, and practical.”

R.D. Patterson and Hermann Austel, *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*:
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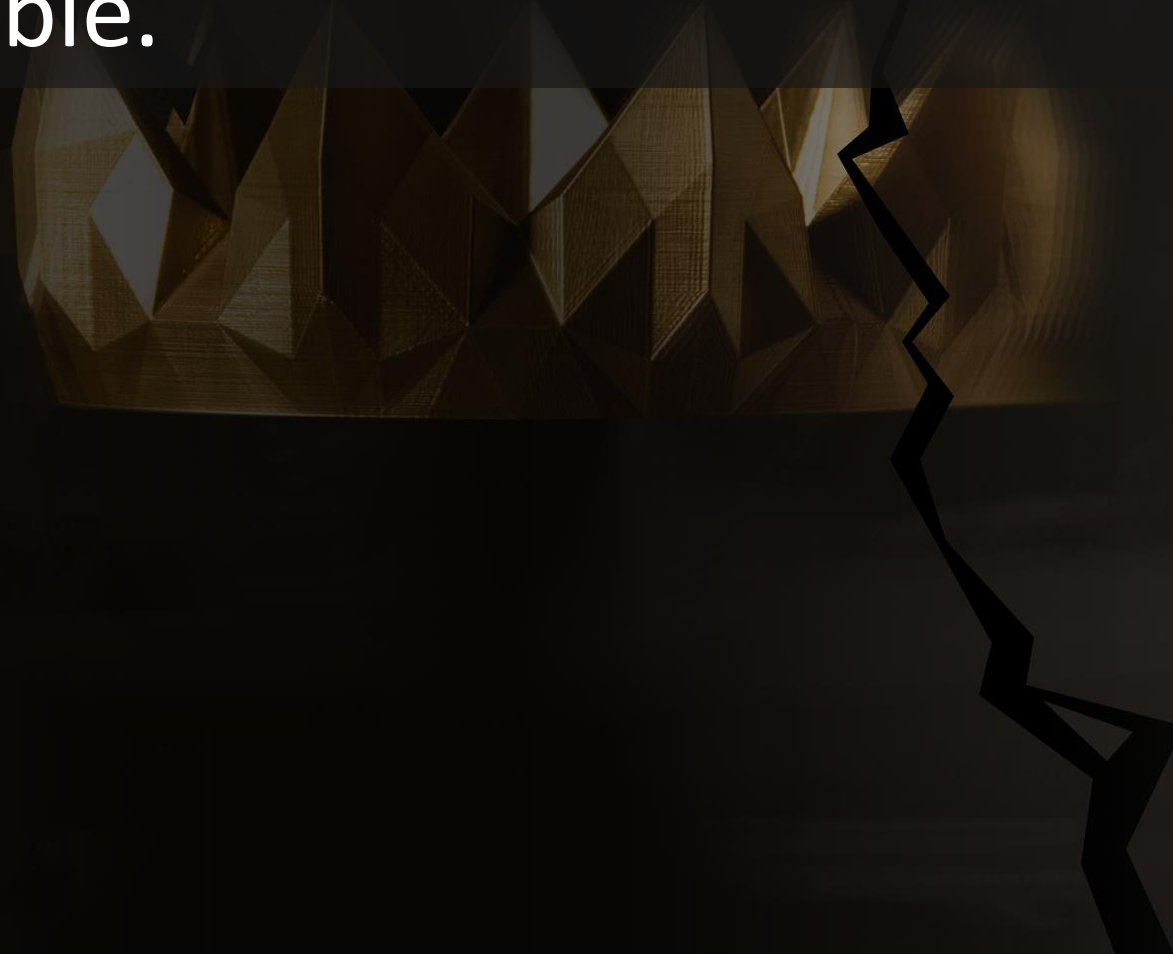
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Psalm 88 Header

“A song. A psalm of the Sons of Korah. For the director of music. According to mahalath leannoeth. A maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.”

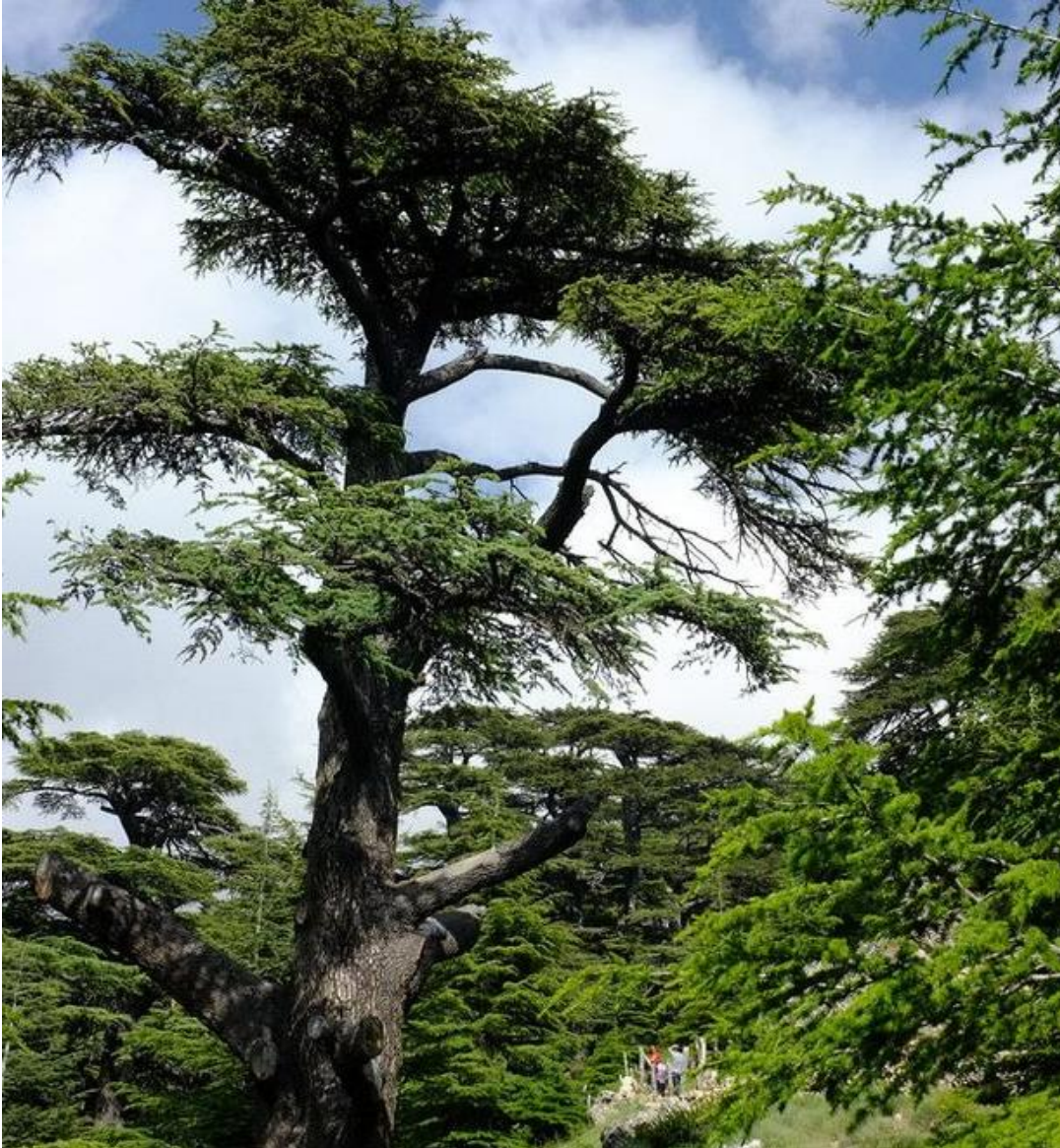
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“A maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.”

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2. The wisdom God gave Solomon was incomparable.
3. The wisdom God gave Solomon was comprehensive.

**From the tallest to the
smallest...**





Comprehensive Wisdom





Thomas Jefferson - Renaissance Man

- Inventing
- Mockingbird Keeping
- Astronomy
- Violin Playing
- Architecture
- Horticulture
- Book Collecting
- Studying Dinosaur Fossils

The Wisdom of Solomon

1. The wisdom God gave Solomon was sufficient.
2. The wisdom God gave Solomon was incomparable.
3. The wisdom God gave Solomon was comprehensive.
4. The wisdom God gave Solomon was highly valued.



Am I Successful?

Wisdom Centered on God

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

Proverbs 9:10





Am I being faithful to God
in every aspect of my life?

The Wisdom of Solomon

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- **Know and conform to God's sufficient Word.**

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”

2 Peter 1:3

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- **Don't measure success through comparison.**

“We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.” 2 Corinthians 10:12

The Cost of Success

“(The goal of success) drives the student who is striving for perfect grades in order to secure recognition, scholarships, and an esteemed future career. It drives the employee to work longer and longer hours in hopes of earning a prestigious promotion or bonus. It drives the coach to hang on one more year in hopes of breaking that historic wins record...those goals can come at the expense of family, friendships, health, or moral integrity.”

David Schreiner and Lee Compson, Kerux Commentaries: 1&2 Kings

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 3. The wisdom God gave Solomon was comprehensive.
- **Delight in God's creation!**

Wisdom from the God's Creation

“Go to the ant, you sluggard;
consider its ways and be wise!
It has no commander,
no overseer or ruler,
yet it stores its provisions in summer
and gathers its food at harvest.”

Proverbs 6:6-8

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 3. The wisdom God gave Solomon was comprehensive.
 4. The wisdom God gave Solomon was highly valued.
- **Find your value in God.**



Am I Successful? Am I being faithful to God in every aspect of my life?

The Superiority of God's Wisdom

“Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.”

1 Corinthians 1:20-25