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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

14-109-9 MAN'S PRAYERS AND GOD'S PURPOSE

- :30 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Warnings from Israel's history. Especially verse 6 where we are told that God provided examples for us as to what we were not to do.
- 1:10 1 Kings 3:3-5 At this time Solomon loved the Lord. The Lord appeared in a dream and asked Solomon "Ask for whatever you want me to give you". Teaching what would we do if the Lord God Almighty offered us anything we wished?
- 4:10 Mark 11:24 Jesus words: "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours".
- 7:30 John 14:13-14 Read passage. "In my Name" is a way of asserting according to my will and purpose. Jesus only did that which Glorified the Father.
- 9:40 John 17:4 I have brought you Glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. The only way we can glorify God is to do the work he has given us to do.
- 10:50 James 4:2-3 You do not ask, and when you do ask your motives are wrong. We often have it backwards as we think of God as a Genie in the bottle: God does not exist for our sake we exist for his sake!

12:50 1 John 5:14-15 "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us-whatever we askwe know that we have what we asked of him".

Prayers do not change God – they change us – to bring us into alignment with the Father. Sometimes- perhaps most times, we don't know what or how to pray. Read and meditate on Romans 8:26-27.

17:40 1 Kings 3:6 The teaching returns to Solomon.

20:00 Psalm 51 David confesses his sins and begs the Lord's forgiveness.

The teaching on Solomon continues 1 Kings 3:7-15, where Solomon, in humility, asks for a discerning heart that he may be able to lead the people as God desired. The Lord was pleased with Solomon's attitude and request. David had said many times to God "According to your word". Mary the mother of Jesus said to the angel "let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

And in this passage about Solomon – 1 Kings 3:12, the Lord says that he will do according to Solomon's word. (This is because Solomon's request was in perfect alignment with the Lord's will). Man's prayer meets God's purpose.

- 1Cor. 10:1 I want you to know, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same supernatural food 4 and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless with most of them God was not pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
- 1Cor. 10:6 Now these things are warnings for us, not to desire evil as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to dance." 8 We must not indulge in immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put the Lord to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as a warning, but they were written down for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let any one who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
- 1Kings 3:3 Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father; only, he sacrificed and burnt incense at the high places. 4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings upon that altar. 5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."
- Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
- John 14:13 Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; 14 if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.
- <u>John 17:4</u> I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do;
- James 4:2 You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot

obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

<u>1John 5:14</u> And this is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <u>15</u> And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.

Rom. 8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. 27 And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

1Kings 3:6 And Solomon said, "Thou hast shown great and steadfast love to thy servant David my father, because he walked before thee in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward thee; and thou hast kept for him this great and steadfast love, and hast given him a son to sit on his throne this day.

Psa. 51:0 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice. 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of thy deliverance. 15 O Lord, open

thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. <u>16</u> For thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou wouldst not be pleased. <u>17</u> The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. <u>18</u> Do good to Zion in thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, <u>19</u> then wilt thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on thy altar.

1Kings 3:7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people whom thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. 9 Give thy 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?"

1Kings 3:10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. 13 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. 14 And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

1Kings 3:15 And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

<u>Luke 1:38</u> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.