

## Communion Meditation

2 Chronicle 1.6-12

“Make a Wish”

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### v6 ~ “Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings”

- God blessed Solomon with great wealth
- He was generous & faithful to God in this response

### v7 ~ “God appeared to Solomon .. Ask! What shall I give you?”

- God appeared to S twice –soon after start of reign & after temple dedication
- He commanded Solomon to ask a gift of Him – “Ask!”

### v9 ~ “.. let Your promise to David my father be established”

- Solomon’s answer is consistent with God’s revealed plan
- Clearly pertains to Solomon – now also clearly pertains to Jesus

### v10 ~ “give me wisdom and knowledge”

- III: “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” – “Is that your final answer?”
- Solomon’s answer was good – But perhaps it could have been better
  - III: Matt Clark – knowledge, understanding, wisdom, prudence
  - Solomon multiplied wives, hoarded gold, and built chariots
  - All things that Samuel had warned bad kings would do

### v12 ~ “wisdom and knowledge are granted to you”

- Solomon’s specific wish for “wisdom and knowledge” was granted
  - God gave him these as well as “riches and wealth and honor”

### God Grants Solomon’s Request

- God was ready to give Solomon anything he requested
- III: Genie legends ~ Lamp rubbed and genie appears
  - In etymology genies are descended from the “jinn”
  - Jinn appeared long ago in Islamic literature – powerful spirits cast out
- 18<sup>th</sup> century French writer (*Antoine Galland*) coined “genie” (made less evil)

Solomon appeared to answer right away – He’d already thought about this  
“What would your answer be if God asked you this question?”

Jesus told us we have God’s ear .. “You have not because you ask not”

God is not a genie – But He is a God that grants the requests of His children

We come to God’s Table – God provides for us – “What do you want?”